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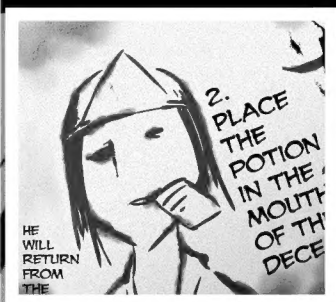
undying love



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SANKAREA

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I

IF I... BECAME... A ZOMBIE

★★★★ ZOMBIES: THE BEGINNING ★★★★★

YAWN...

A few days
earlier—

May 17th, 8:00 A.M.

YAWN...

CL-CLACK

PARK

WATCH YOUR HEAD

HEY...

ARE
YOU
EVEN
LISTENING,
FURUYA?!

CL-CLACK

The town of Shiyoh,
Ashikura County, K Prefecture.



ARE
YOU
FOR
REAL
?

IT'S
OBVIOUS
FROM YOUR
FACE THAT
YOU'RE
LYING!!

heh
heh
heh



WHAS-
SAT?

I'M
LISTEN-
ING.

Shiyoh High School, first-year student
Furuya Chihiro



Shiyoh High,
first year o
Mogi

I
GUESS
SO...

I'M JUST
SLEEPY
'CAUSE
THE SEA-
SONS ARE
CHANGING.

I
MEAN,
YOU'VE
BEEN
REALLY
SPACING
OUT
LATELY.

Right,
Mogi
?

Shiyoh High, first year
Yasutaka



ABOUT
SANKA
GIRLS'
AND SHIYOH
HIGH FACING
EACH OTHER
ACROSS THE
RIVER!

SO
WHAT DO
YOU
THINK,
THEN?

ABOUT
WHAT?

YAWN...



BORING

TRUDGE TRUDGE

OOH

**Shiyoh Public
High School**

(Boys' school, nothing special)

BUT
DO THEY
REALLY
NEED
TO HAVE
TOTALLY
SEPARATE
PATHS
TO THE
SCHOOLS
?!

I KNOW
ONE'S FOR
BOYS AND
ONE'S FOR
GIRLS...

TEE
HEE
HEE

RIGHT?

**Sanka Girls' Private
Academy**

(The leading school in the
prefecture for young ladies)

...
WHO
CARES
?

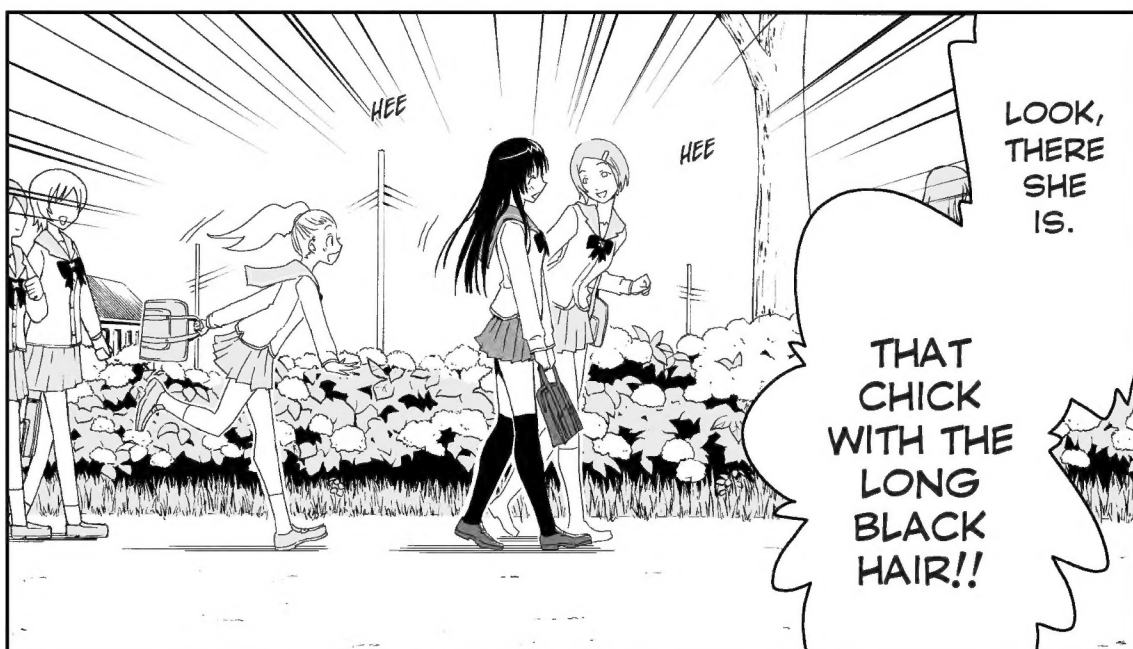
SHIYOH HIGH
SCHOOL

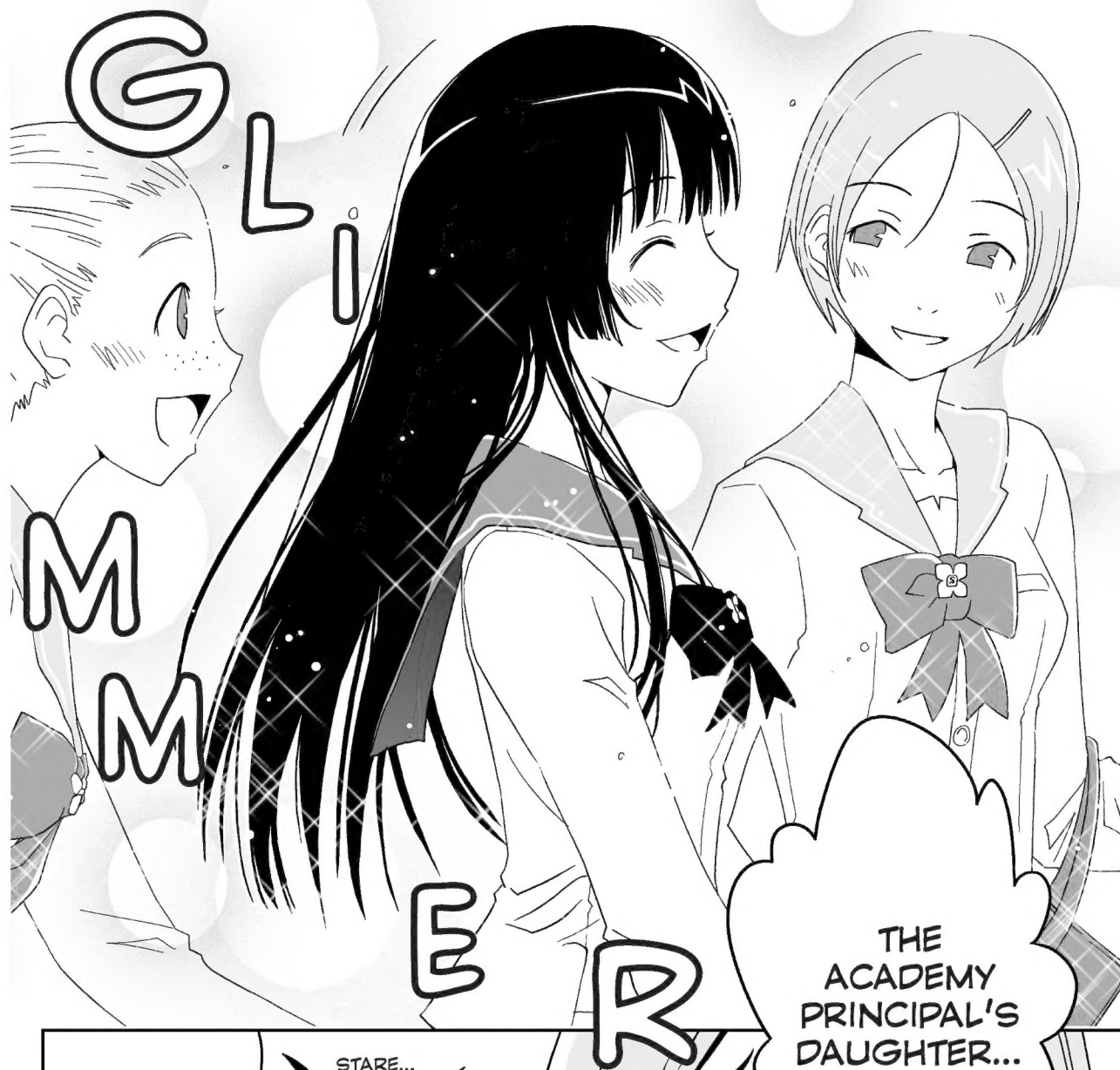
SANKA GIRLS'
ACADEMY

SHIYOH TOWN
STATION

SANKA GIRLS' (EAST) PATH

SHIYOH HIGH (WEST) PATH





THE
ACADEMY
PRINCIPAL'S
DAUGHTER...



SANKA
REA!!

STARE...







SHF

HERE.



SMACK

I'm older than you, you know.

OW.

THAT'S RANKO-SAN TO YOU!



SQUISH

AH... NYAHHAHA... I'VE BEEN SO BUSY...

YOU SAID YOU'D COME GET THEM AT MY HOUSE LAST WEEK, DIDN'T YOU?!

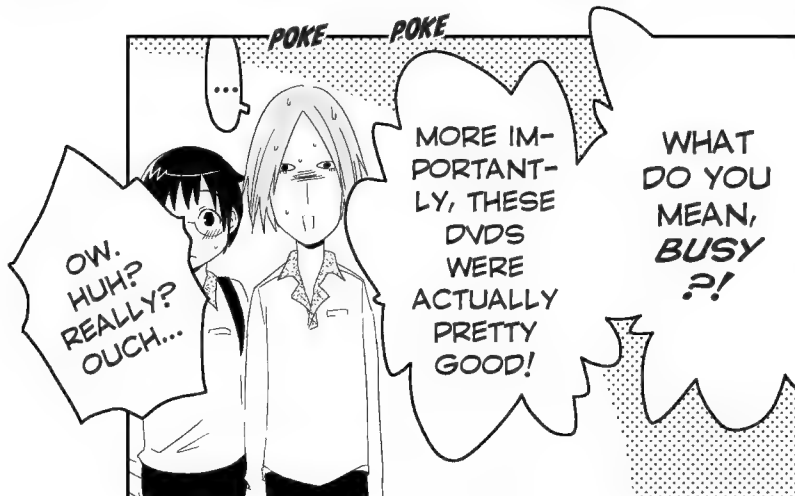
I was waiting!!



Last week...

AH... OH... DID I LEND YOU DVDS?

SO YOU DID FORGET AFTER ALL?!

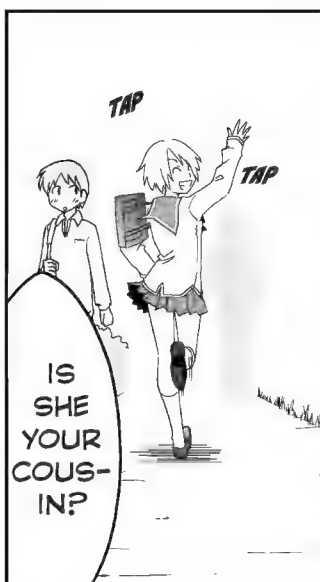


POKE POKE

OW. HUH? REALLY? OUCH...

MORE IMPORTANTLY, THESE DVDS WERE ACTUALLY PRETTY GOOD!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BUSY?!



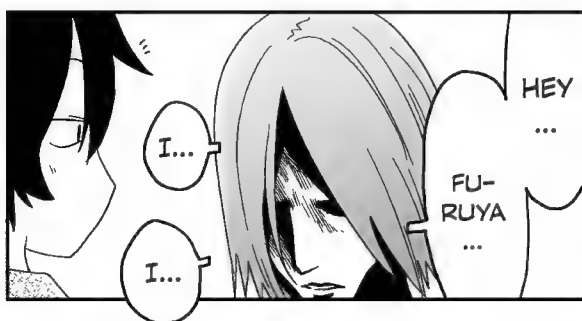
OH, AND
LEND ME
SOME MORE
ZOMBIE
DVDS.

COME
OVER THIS
WEEKEND,
OK?

YOUR BIG
SISTER'LL
TAKE
GOOD
CARE
OF YOU
AGAIN!

COME
ON, OUR
BIRTHDAYS
AREN'T EVEN
HALF A YEAR
APART...

FLUTTER

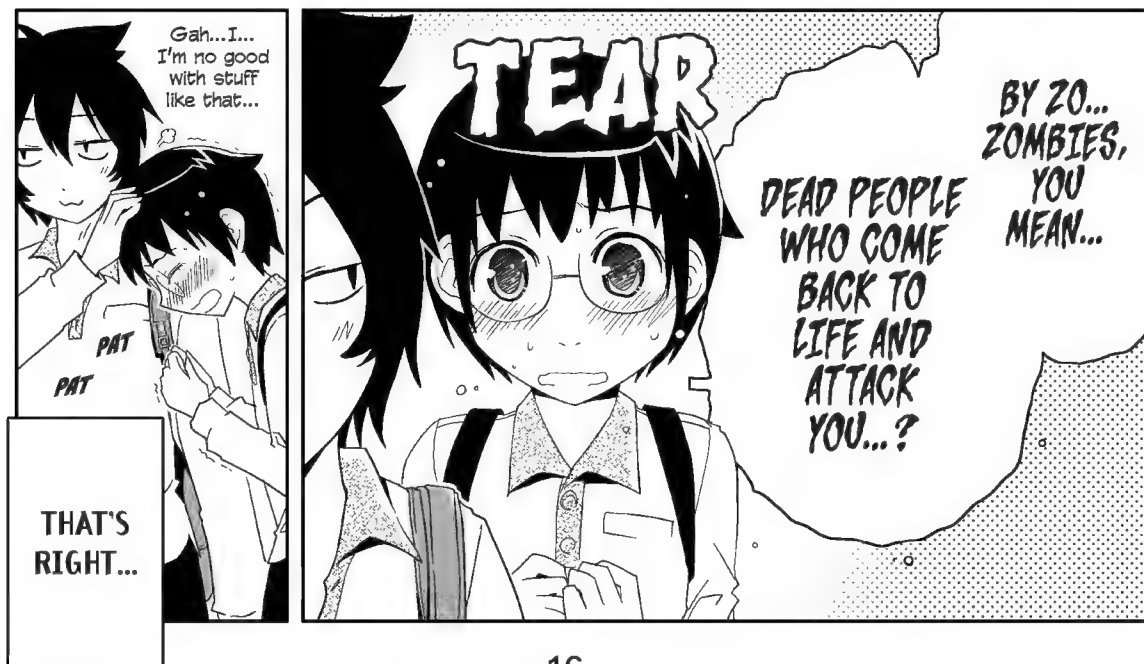
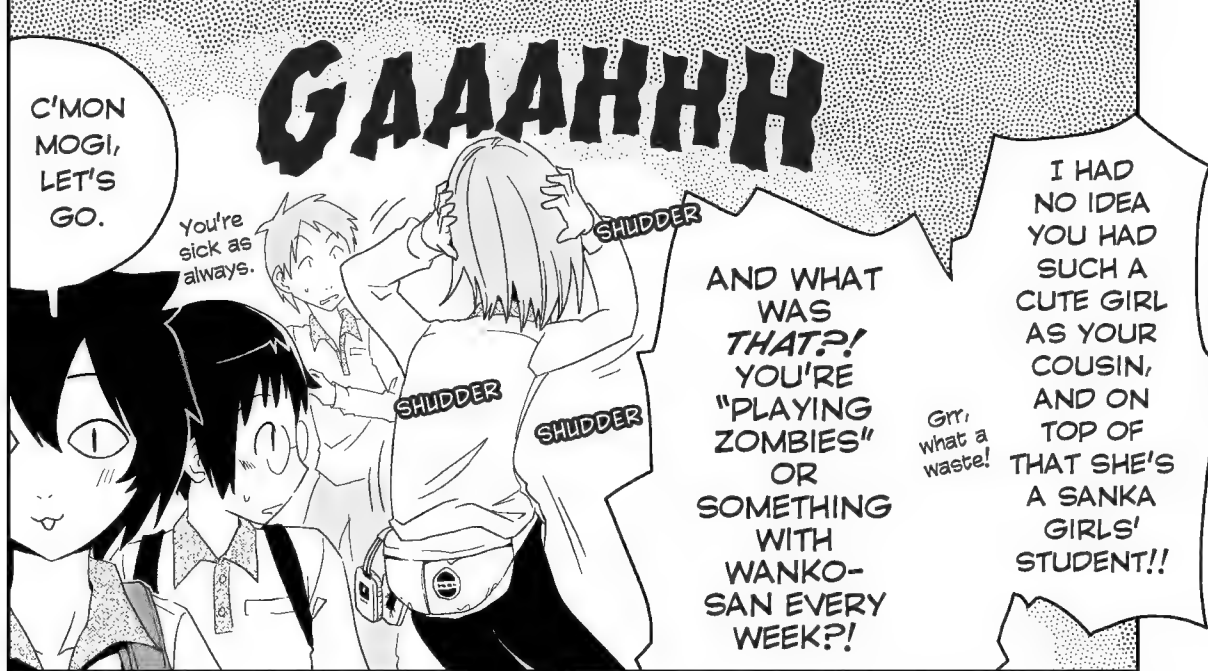


HEY
...

FU-
RUYA
...



I
MIS-
JUDGED
YOUUU!





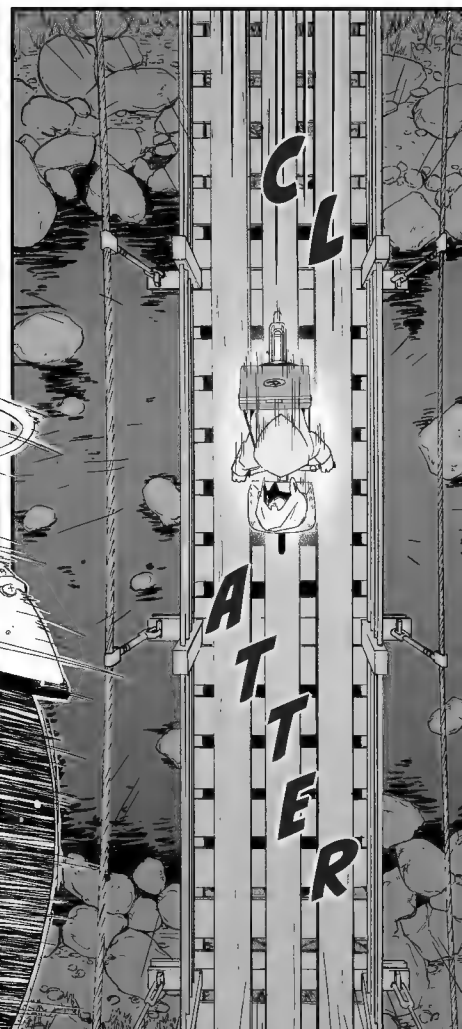
I'VE ALWAYS
LOVED THE
CREATURES
CALLED
"ZOMBIES."

AT HOME I
EVEN HAVE A
COLLECTION OF
ZOMBIE GAMES,
FILMS, TOYS
AND STUFF...

WELL...
I USED TO
LIKE THEM
JUST FOR THE
VISUALS, BUT...

RECENTLY, A
DIFFERENT
TYPE OF
INTEREST IN
ZOMBIES...

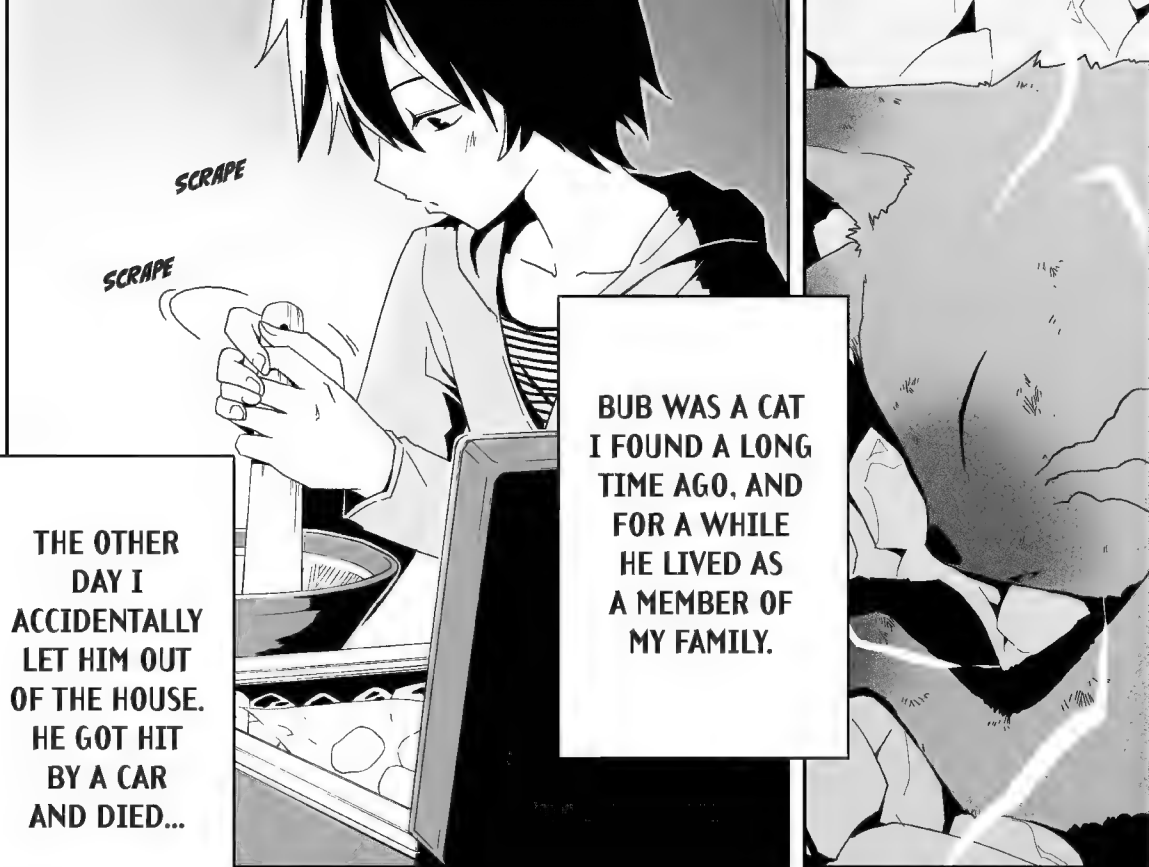
HAS STARTED
TO BUBBLE UP
INSIDE OF ME...





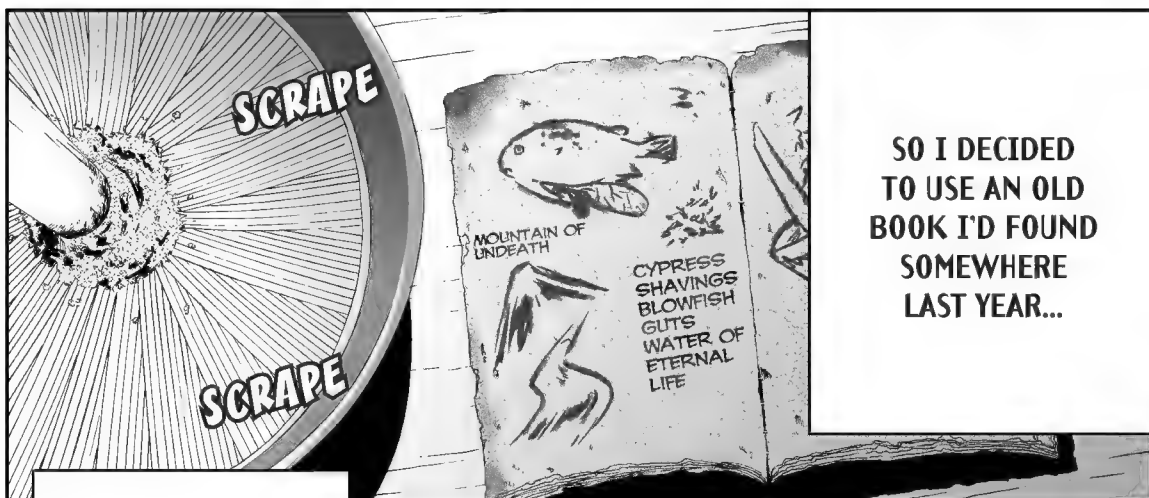


BUB
?



THE OTHER
DAY I
ACCIDENTALLY
LET HIM OUT
OF THE HOUSE.
HE GOT HIT
BY A CAR
AND DIED...

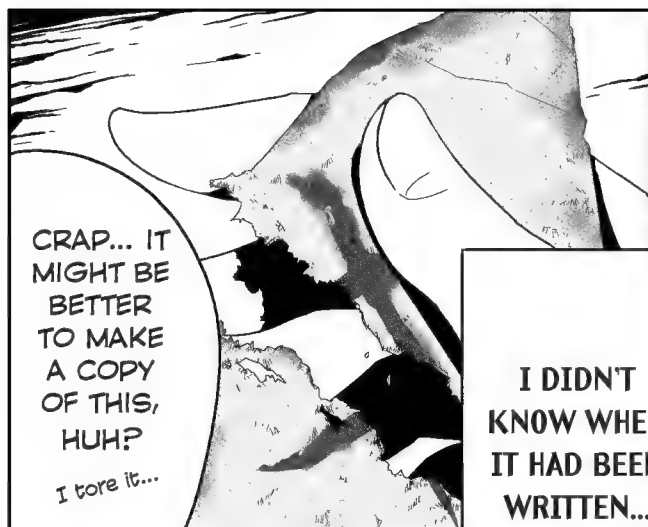
BUB WAS A CAT
I FOUND A LONG
TIME AGO, AND
FOR A WHILE
HE LIVED AS
A MEMBER OF
MY FAMILY.



SO I DECIDED
TO USE AN OLD
BOOK I'D FOUND
SOMEWHERE
LAST YEAR...

...AND TRY OUT
THE "SECRET
TECHNIQUE" IT
DESCRIBED.





CRAP... IT
MIGHT BE
BETTER
TO MAKE
A COPY
OF THIS,
HUH?

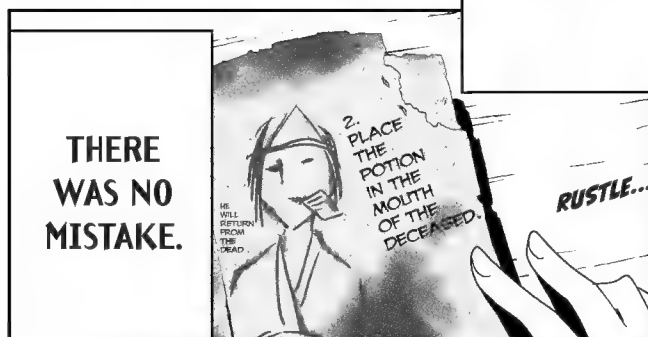
I tore it...

I DIDN'T
KNOW WHEN
IT HAD BEEN
WRITTEN...
BUT...



Oops...

I CALL IT A
BOOK, BUT IT
WAS MORE LIKE
SOMEONE'S
NOTES, AND
VERY HARD
TO READ...



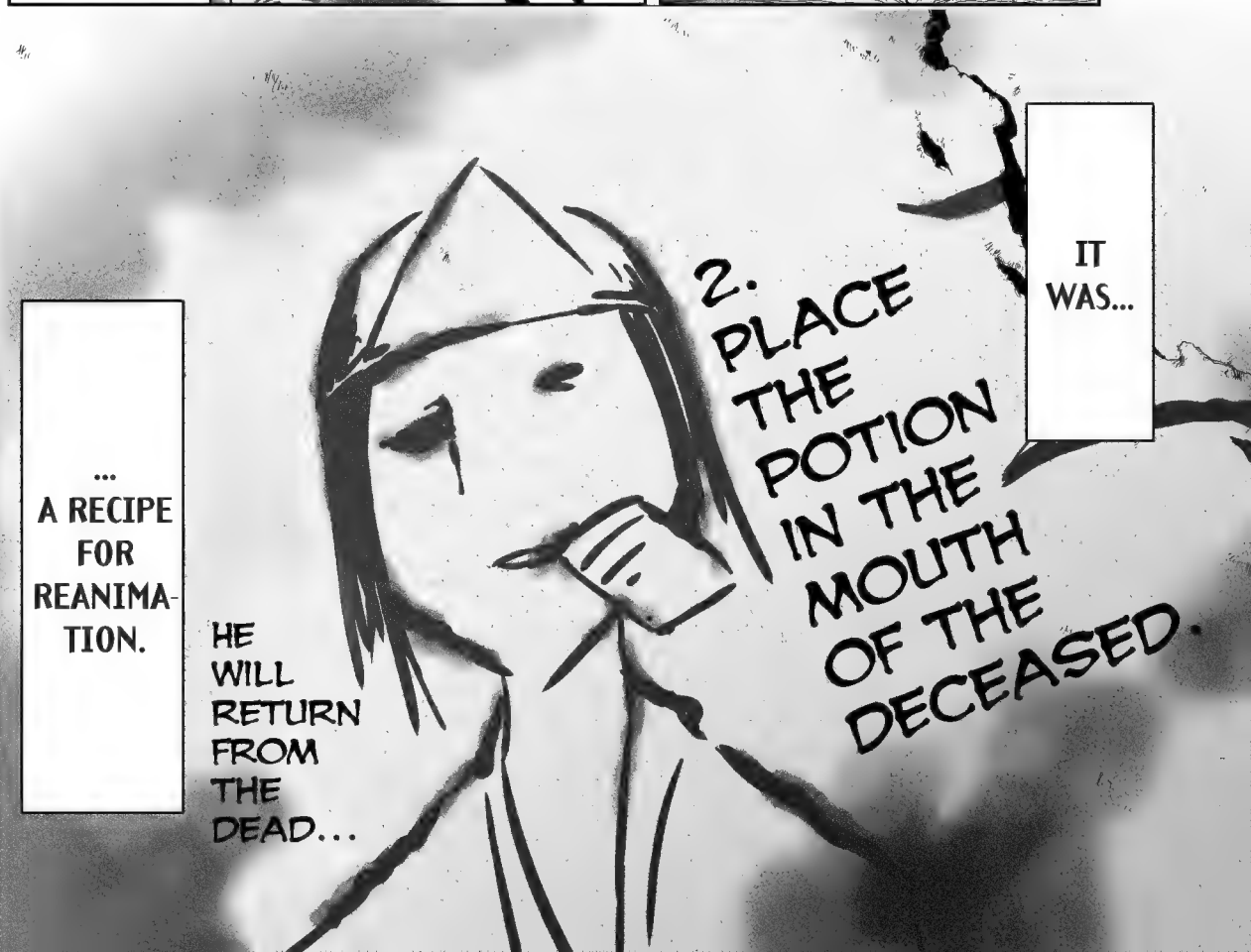
THERE
WAS NO
MISTAKE.



2. PLACE
THE
POTION
IN THE
MOUTH
OF THE
DECEASED.

RUSTLE...

CRUMBLE



...
A RECIPE
FOR
REANIMA-
TION.

HE
WILL
RETURN
FROM
THE
DEAD...

2. PLACE
THE
POTION
IN THE
MOUTH
OF THE
DECEASED.

IT
WAS...

OF COURSE,
I ONLY HALF-
BELIEVED IT
WOULD WORK,

And on a cat, at
that.

HMMM...

BUT
THAT
WAS
EXACTLY
WHY...

... AS
SOMEONE
WHO LOVES
ZOMBIES, I
WANTED TO
TRY IT OUT!

CLATTER

GRIND

GRIND

CRINKLE

BUT
THIS
BOOK...

**P
O
P**

HAD ONE
PART THAT
I COULDN'T
READ AT ALL.

9.
GRIND
POISON
GRASS

I
WONDER
IF THIS
LILY
OF THE
VALLEY
WILL
WORK...?



I'LL TRY
THE REST
OF THE
WEEK,
AND IF IT
DOESN'T
WORK,
I'LL BURY
HIM...

THIS
MIGHT
JUST BE
IMPOS-
SIBLE...

BUB
KEEPS DE-
COMPOSING
MORE AND
MORE, AND
I FEEL BAD...

TAK



TWITCH

TAK



I TRIED
COWBANE
YESTERDAY
AND IT WAS
NO GOOD.

Which one
could it be...?



IT CALLED FOR
SOME KIND
OF POISONOUS
PLANT, BUT I
DIDN'T KNOW
WHICH ONE.



TAK

TAK

TAK

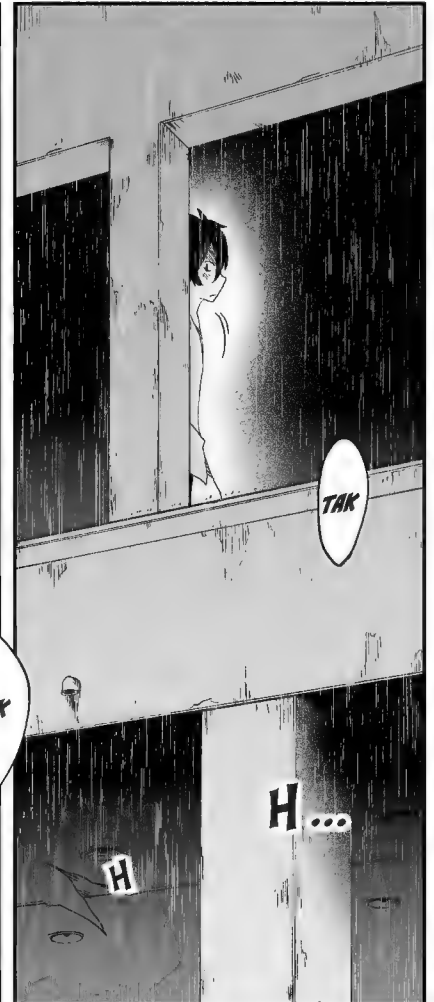
TAK

...



SHE
...

CAME
AGAIN
TODAY...



TAK**F**

S

H



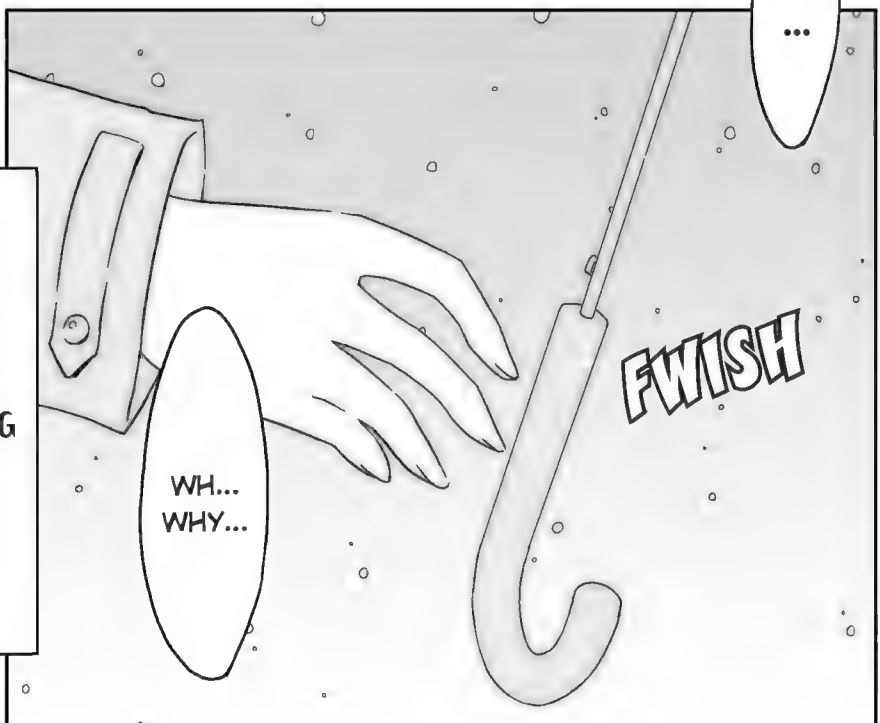
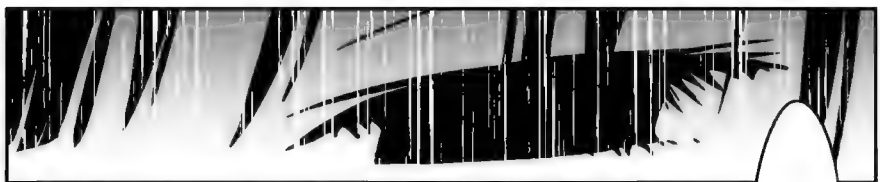
SH

S





IT'S
STARTING
!!



WH...
WHY...

...HAVE
TO BE
BORN
INTO THE
SANKA
FAMILY?

WHY
DID
I...





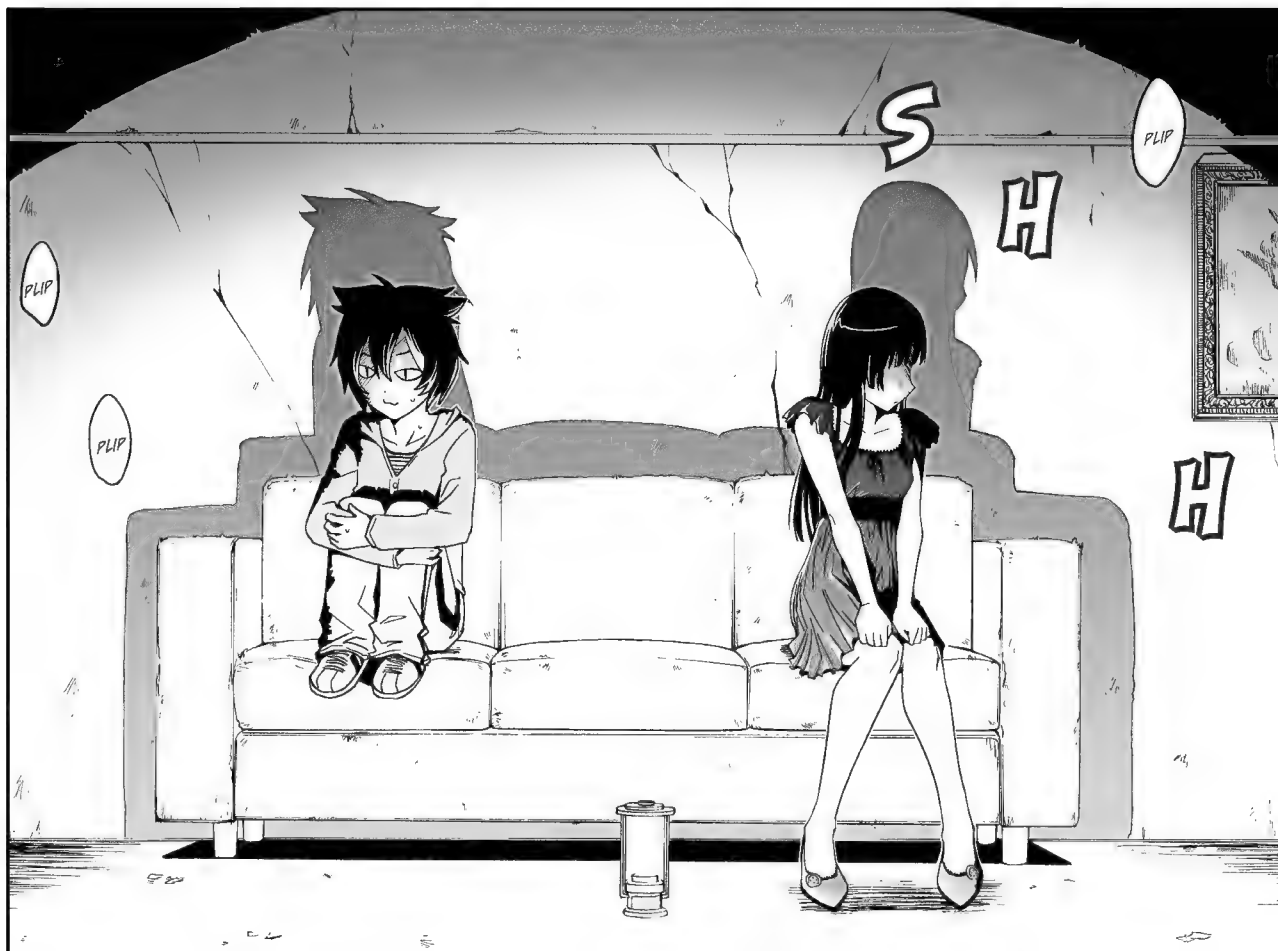
...BY
TAKING
NAKED
PICTURES
OF ME!!

STOP
"RECORDING
MY GROWTH"
ON MY
BIRTHDAY
EVERY YEAR...

P E E F T

SWISH

!!







SO...

PLEASE,
DON'T...

...TELL
ANYONE...
ABOUT
WHAT
HAPPENED
TODAY...!!

I... I'LL
DO ANY-
THING!



GLOOM

...yes-
terday,
too...?

You were
watching
me...

Oh, should
I not have
told you?

I CAN
TELL THEM
WHAT
I SAW
YESTERDAY,
THEN?

SO I
COULD BE
REBORN AS
SOMEONE
ELSE...

SCRITCH

DEAD...

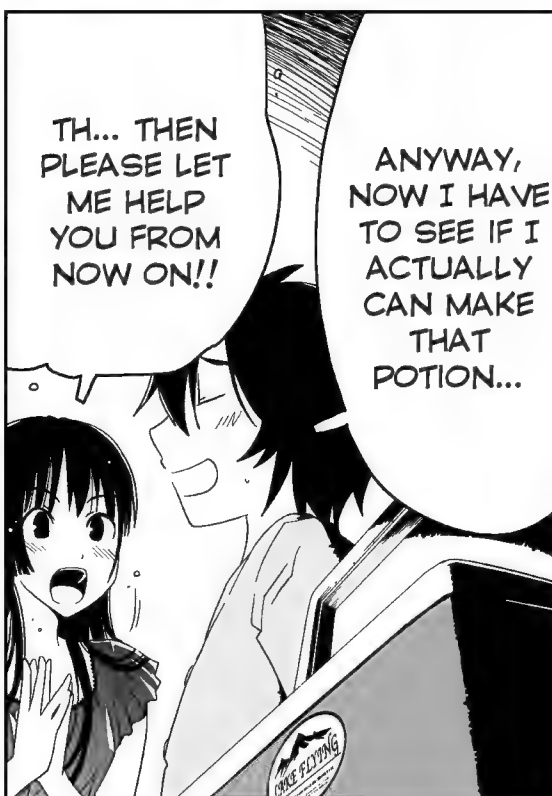
I'D
RATHER
BE
DEAD...

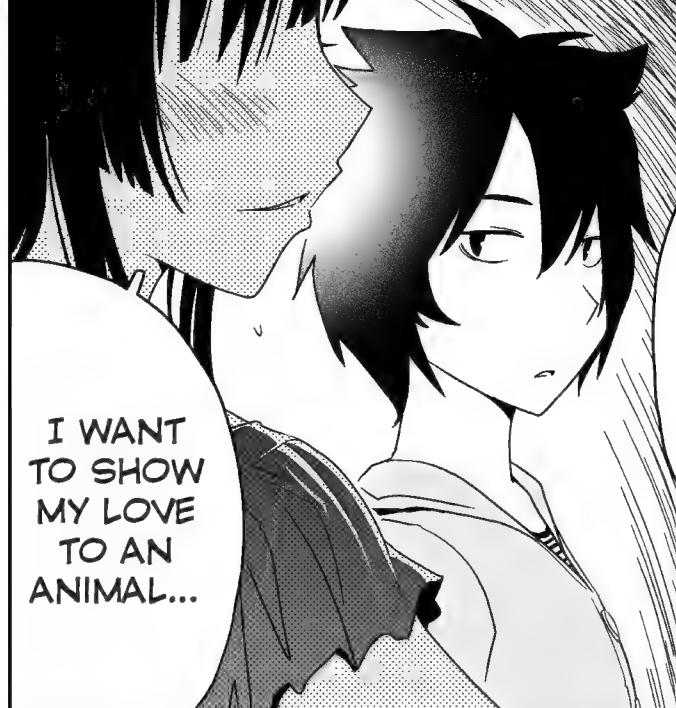
AHH...I
JUST
WANT TO
DIE...













HUH...? BUT THAT'S...

BA-BUMP



BA-BUMP

...YOU DID SAY...

YOU WANTED TO DIE AND BE SOMEONE ELSE, RIGHT...?



AH...

BA-BUMP

SO... BECOME A ZOMBIE...



BE MY TEST SUBJECT.



FOR BUB'S SAKE... FOR THE POTION...



AS I
PREDICTED,
YOU'LL
BELIEVE
ANYTHING!

HEH HEH
HEH...
JUST AS I
EXPECTED OF
SUCH A PURE
MAIDEN!

KEH
HEH
HEHEH



BLAAH
ZZZZ

JUUUST
KID-
DIING!



HOW
RUDE...!
I...

BLUSSSH

H-

YOU SEEM
LIKE THE
TYPE THAT'D
GET FOOLED
BY SOME
IDIOT REAL
QUICK.

YOU
SHOULD
BEWARE OF
MEN.



HEH HEH HEHEH

AT LEAST
YOU'VE
GOT THE
UNUSUALLY
LOFTY PRIDE
BEFITTING
A LITTLE
PRINCESS...

W...
WELL,
THEN...
FURUYA-
KUN...
WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?



I KNOW
I'LL BE
ABSO-
LUTELY
FINE!!

DATED
ANYONE
YET,
BUT...
I...

I... I
HAVEN'T...





IF I...
BECAME A
ZOMBIE...

YOU'D
ACCEPT
RESPON-
SIBILITY
FOR ME,
RIGHT...?





Back then... I would never have even dreamed...



That she... would really...



FU-
RUYA...
KUN.

YOU'LL
BE HERE
AGAIN
TOMORROW,
RIGHT?

become... a zombie...

SANKAREA

ANECDOTES 1

ABOUT THE TITLE

Here I'm thinking I'll write about the kinds of characters, places and other parts of the setting that aren't discussed in the main story of "Sankarea."

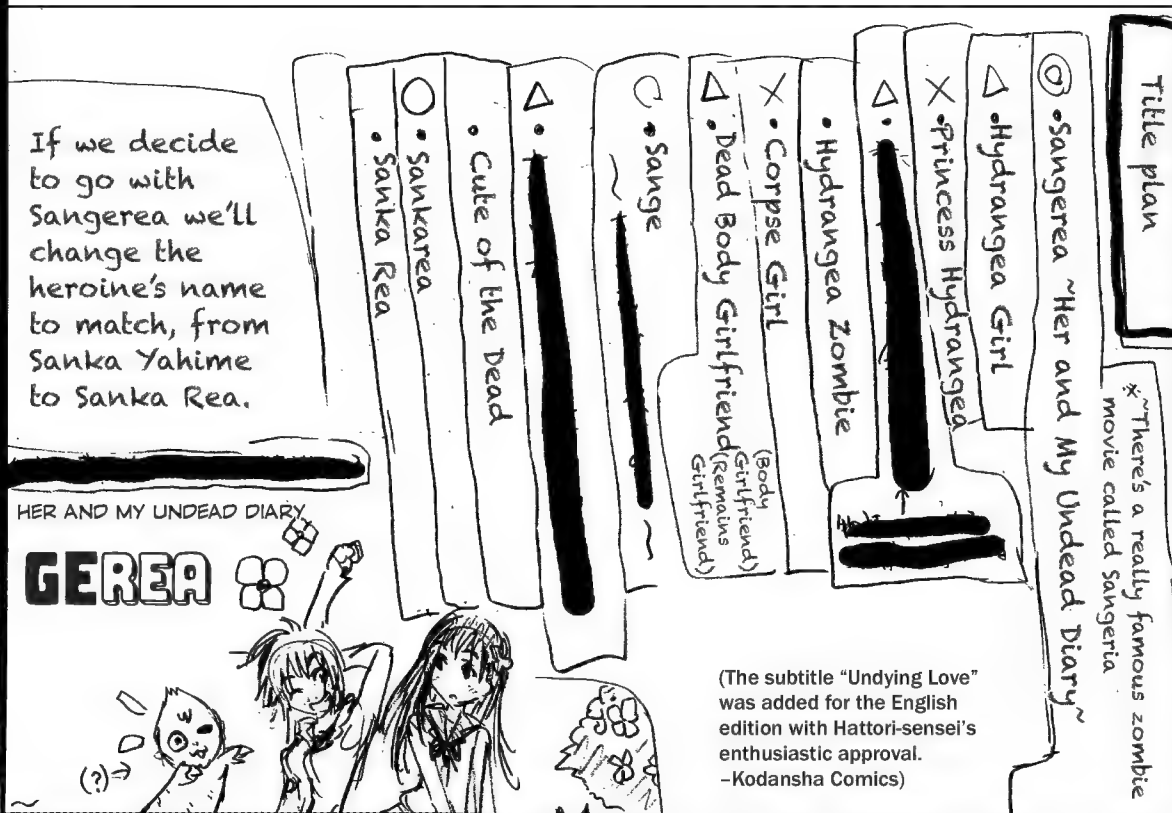
This time around, let's talk about the title. Some people may have realized this, but I got the title "Sankarea" by changing around the title of an actual zombie movie. That film is a famous one called "Sangeria" in Japanese (the original title was Zombi 2 or Zombie), and I just liked it, so... (Even though the plot of that film has nothing at all to do with this comic.)

Anyway, when I was still thinking of tentative titles, the very first one I liked was "Sangerea: Her and My Undead Diary." So long!

(The graphic below is just part of my notes before the series was published. See, it's double circled, right?)

Rea's last name, Sanka, was originally "Sange," a Japanese word meaning, "giving wrapped flowers as an offering to the deceased" or "dying young." So because of that I thought it would be good to play off the title of that zombie film, "Sangeria."

But in the end, the "ge" sound wasn't too catchy, so I changed it to "Sankarea," and totally cut the long subtitle. By the way, the blacked-out sections had something close to a spoiler for the story in them, so I cut them out. But that's a story for another time...





2

IT WAS... WORKING

★★★★ PET CEMETERY ★★★★★



AH...



BAM

BAM

AGAH
...

AGH
...

BAM

SCRAPE

SCRAPE

BAM

G
A
A
H
H
H
...

BAM

MESMERIZED

FIDGET
FIDGET

SWISH
CREAK

N
E
E
E
...
...

RUSTLE

LIVING
DEAD

RUSTLE

UM... HERE...
THEY TORE
OUT HIS
FRIEND'S
STOMACH,
AND THEY'RE
EATING IT!



IT WAS
SEVERAL DAYS
SINCE I'D MET
THAT WELL-BRED
YOUNG LADY,
SANKA REA...

...
W H O A
...

GULP

SMASH

Nooo

HYOO SLASH

IT'S
SPURT-
ING...

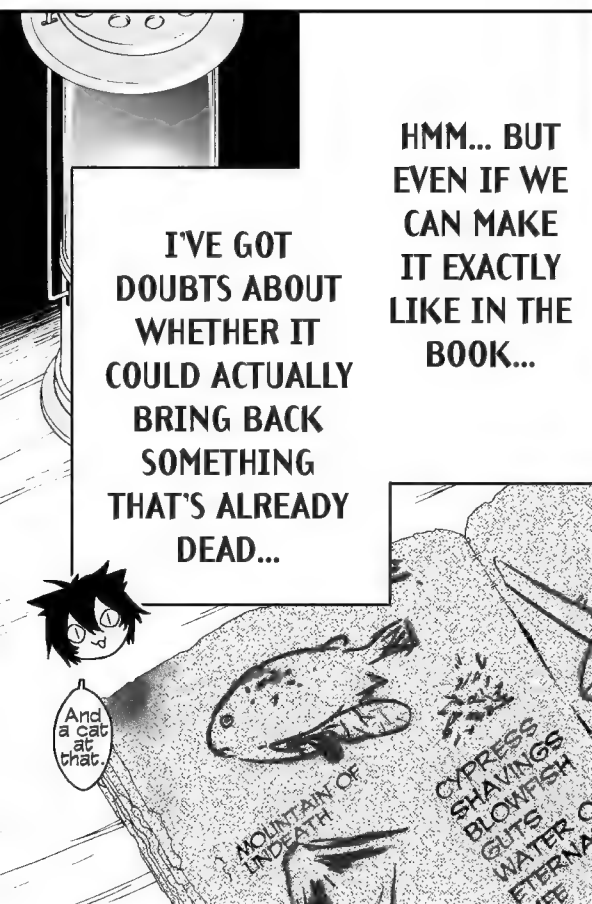
...EVERY-
WHERE...

...the
blood...

SHE'S
TENA-
CIOUS...

IS IT
'CAUSE
OF HER
UPBRING-
ING?

EVER SINCE,
SHE'D BEEN COMING
IN EVERY NIGHT
TO HELP ME TRY MY
SHADY REANIMATION
SPELL.





DUNNO.

GLARE

NOO!!

OR
WOULD
YOU LIKE
TO EAT
HIM?!

S—SO
WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO DO WITH
BUB-CHAN...?

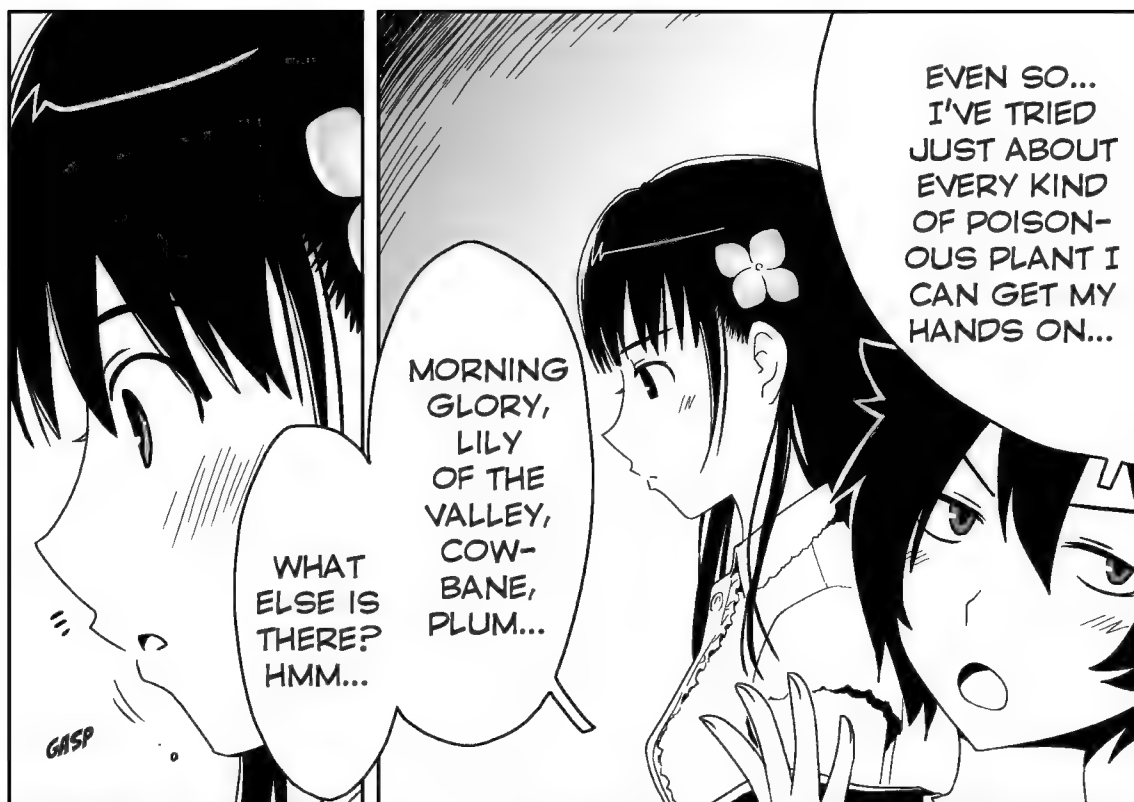
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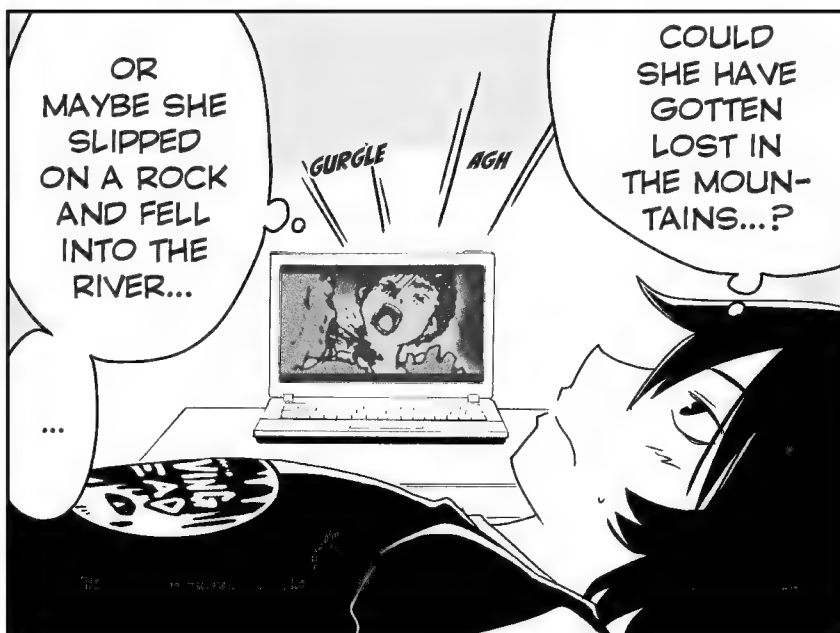
HM...
I WAS
THINKING
IT'S
ABOUT
TIME TO
BURY
HIM...

WHERE
DO YOU
COME UP
WITH THIS
STUFF...?
HOW
COULD
YOU DO
THAT TO
BUB-
CHAN...?!!

She
really
has no
sense
of hu-
mor...

G
A
H









AH
....!

FU-
RUYA...
KUN...!!

COME ON.
A PRIN-
CESS LIKE
YOU NEEDS
A BODY-
GUARD.

HYA-
HEE
HEE





AND
EVEN IF
I HAD,
WHO
SAYS I'D
BRING YOU
BACK?!

HEY, HEY.... I
HAVEN'T EVEN
SUCCEEDED
AT BRINGING
BUB BACK
TO LIFE
YET!



I'LL
SAY IT
RIGHT
NOW.

...
WELL,
THEN.



I
BEG
YOU.

PLEASE
BRING
ME BACK
TO LIFE.



THIS GIRL...

Is she being serious...?



IT'S HYDRANGEA.

YES.



SO, SHOULD WE TRY USING THE PLANT I GOT RIGHT AWAY?

YOU MEAN... BUT THAT'S...



YES. IT MAY NOT BE VERY WELL KNOWN...

Hmmm...

HEY! YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE HYDRANGEA YOU ALWAYS SEE BLOOMING ALL AROUND THE TOWN IS POISONOUS?

There's nothing written about it in this book I bought...

BECAUSE
OF THAT,
MY FATHER
ALWAYS
WARNED ME,
EVER SINCE I
WAS LITTLE,
NOT TO PUT
THEM IN MY
MOUTH...

HUH...
BUT...

...BUT MY
FAMILY'S
CREST IS A
HYDRANGEA,
SO WE
HAVE MANY
PLANTED ON
OUR ESTATE.

A—
ANYWAY,
LET'S TRY
THIS ONE
TODAY!!

ALL
RIGHT,
I'LL GIVE
IT A GO...

WHAAAT
...?!

I...I
wonder
if it just
depends
on the
person...?

No thanks.

CRUNCH
CRUNCH

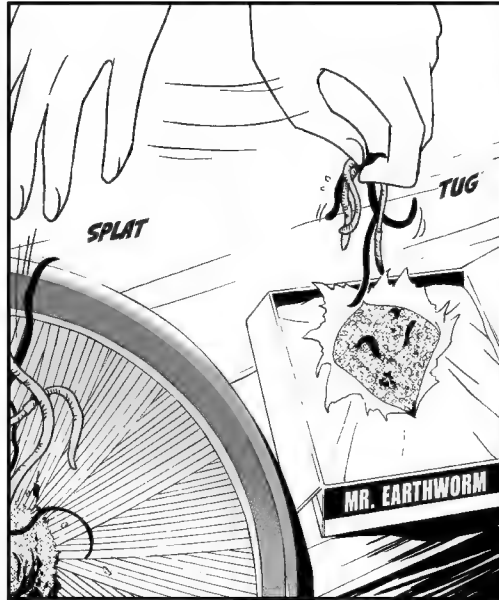
YUM!
YOU
WANT
SOME
TOO,
CHIHIRO?

MY
GRANDPA
IS SE-
NILE...

...AND
SOMETIMES
HE CHEWS ON
HYDRANGEA
LEAVES!

*Hydrangea leaves really are poisonous! Seriously, please
don't do this!!







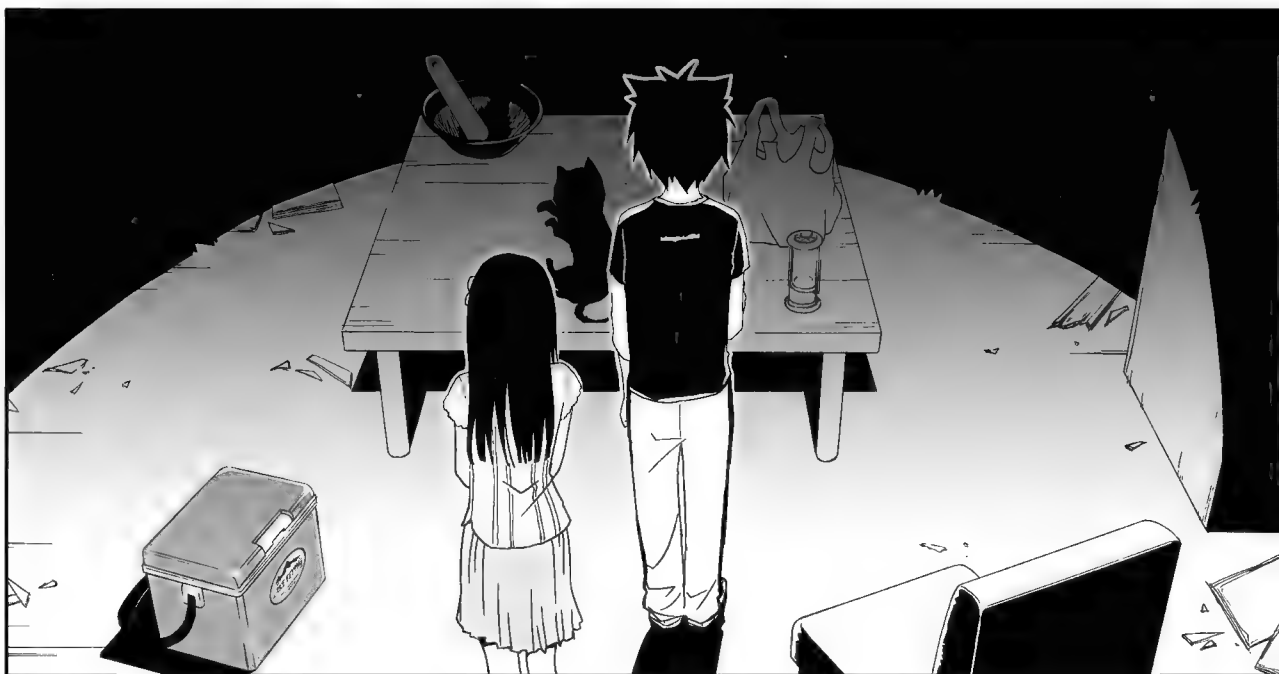
I'M
GETTING
BUB OUT.

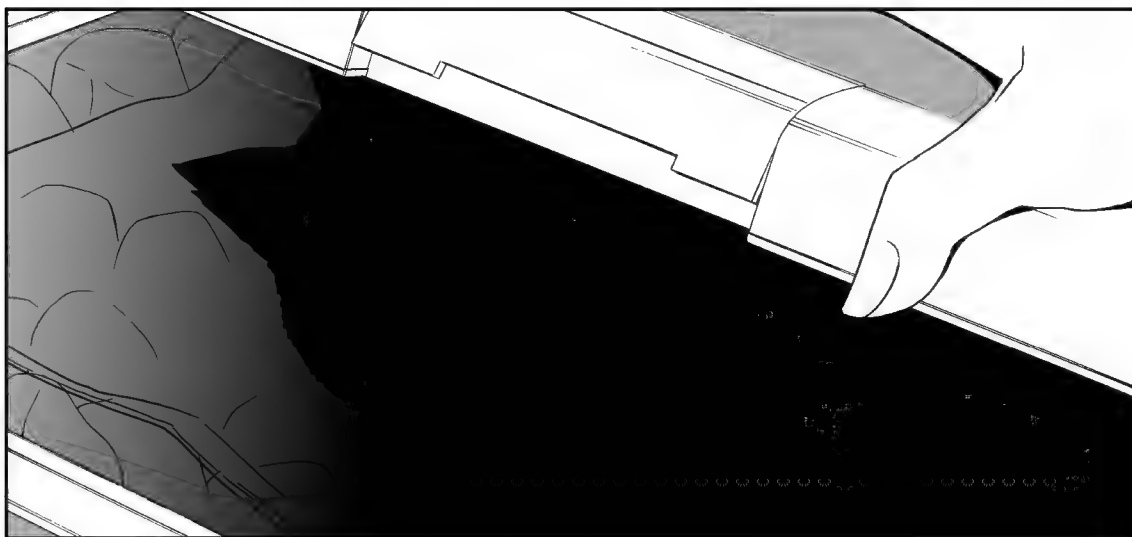
CHAK



GIVE
ME THE
POTION.

















S S H H H





I
PROBABLY
SHOULD HAVE
ASKED HER
ALL SORTS
OF THINGS...

...LIKE
WHAT SHE
WANTED TO
DO FROM
THEN ON...

... AND
WHAT
SHE WAS
THINKING...



...WHEN
I THINK
BACK ON
IT...

**THIS
WAS
PROB-
ABLY...**

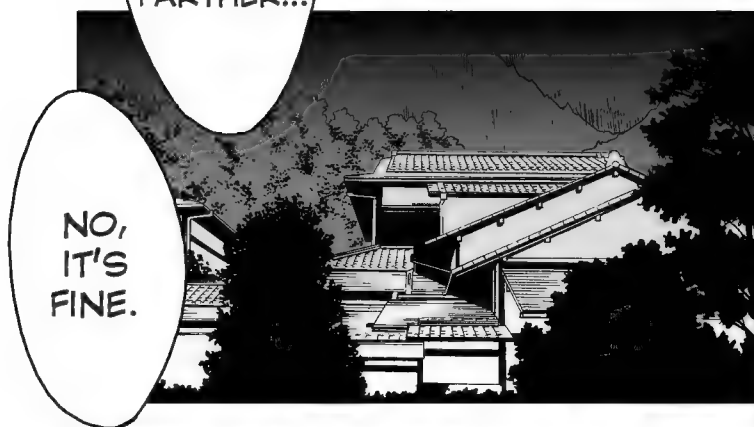
SCRATCH

SCRATCH

**...THE
LAST
CHANCE
I HAD...**

**...TO
SAVE
HER.**







Reckless,
really...?

HEY, HEY,
JUST HOW
SCARY
IS HER
OLD MAN,
ANYWAY?



BUT
I REALLY
AM
RECKLESS,
HUH...?

IT'S
OKAY,
BECAUSE
FATHER
STILL
HASN'T
CAUGHT
ME...



TOUCH



OH,
YEAH.

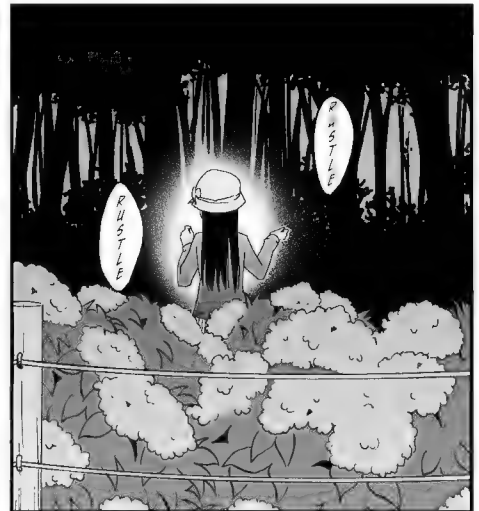
OKAY,
I'LL GIVE
YOU
BUB-
CHAN
BACK.

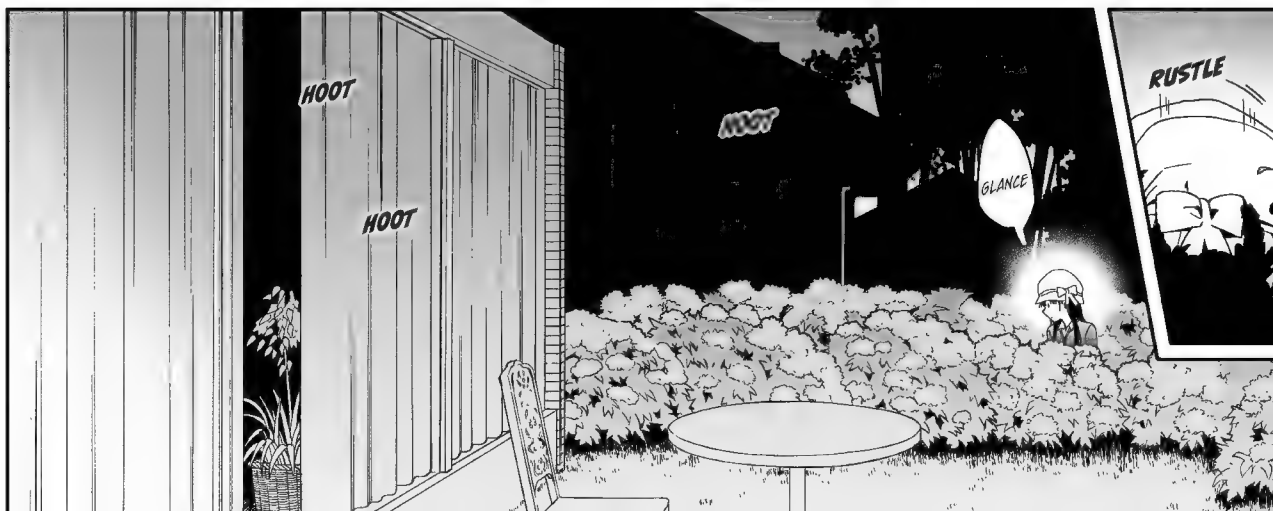


...WELL,
SEE
YOU,
THEN...

...
YEAH.











FURUYA

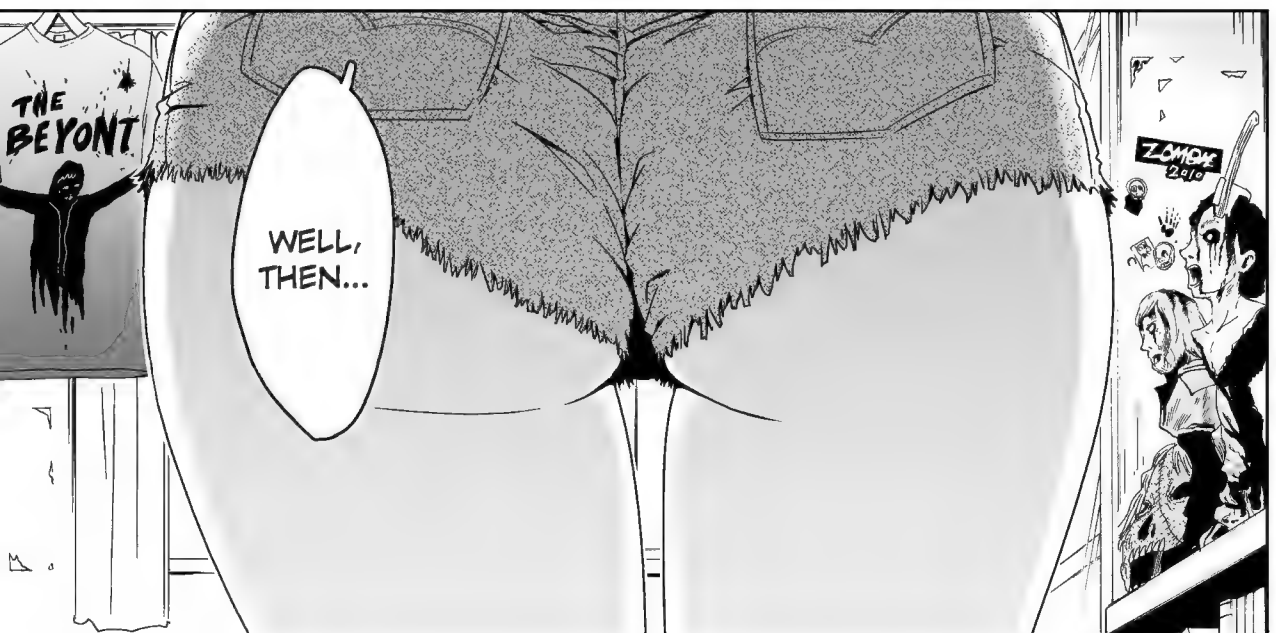
CLACK

HM?

DOO
DE DO
DOO...
LAA-
LAAH

PLUP

DOOT...





WHY
WERE
YOU
OUT AT
THIS
HOUR?

I HAVE
WAYS OF
MAKING
YOU
TALK
...

DAMN
IT, SHE
CAUGHT
ME OFF
GUARD.

Furuya's collection.

B
O
O
M



TODAY, WHEN
I WENT TO BUY
ICE CREAM
AT THE
CONVENIENCE
STORE, I
ACCIDENTALLY
FELL ASLEEP
DOWN BY THE
RIVER...

HMM...?
WELL,
THAT'S
ODD...

RUMBLE

RUMBLE RUMBLE

...SINCE
THE DAY
BUB-CHAN
DIED...

'CAUSE AC-
CORDING TO
YOUR LITTLE
SISTER,
YOU'VE BEEN
GOING SOME-
WHERE EVERY
NIGHT...

HEY,
STOP!!

WHAT
THE HELL
IS IN
HERE?!

I
WANTED TO
GO ON AN
ADVENTURE
DOWN THE
RIVER...

DOMBURA
KOKKO~

SHE ALSO
SAYS
YOU'VE BEEN
CARRYING A
BOX LIKE THAT
ONE AROUND...

...even though
you don't fish
or anything,
Chihiro...

TH...
THAT'S
...

GRAB

AND YOU'VE
BEEN DOING
HORRIBLE
THINGS TO
BUB-CHAN'S
CORPSE...?

COULD IT BE
YOUR ZOMBIE
FASCINATION
HAS GOTTEN
OUT OF
CONTROL...

AAAH,
WAIT...

HUH?

CLACK





BUMP

IT
WORKED...

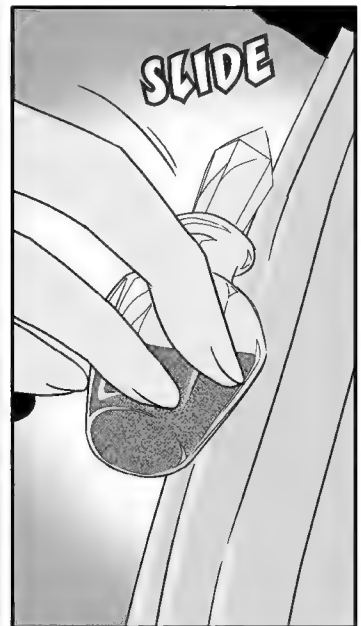
BUMP

IT...

BUMP

BUMP

BUMP



G

SO IT
SHOULD
AT
LEAST
HAVE...

...THE
OPPOSITE
EFFECT,
RIGHT
...?

UP

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

REA!!

DID
YOU THINK
THAT I
WOULDN'T
REALIZE?!

NO...

I
WON'T
LET YOU
OUT EVER
AGAIN!!
NOT EVEN
TO GO TO
SCHOOL!!

BA-BUMP

SANK-A-RE-A

I'LL
END
IT
ALL...

BA-BUMP

I'M... SICK
OF IT...
OF THIS
TRAPPED
LIFE...

WITH
THIS...

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

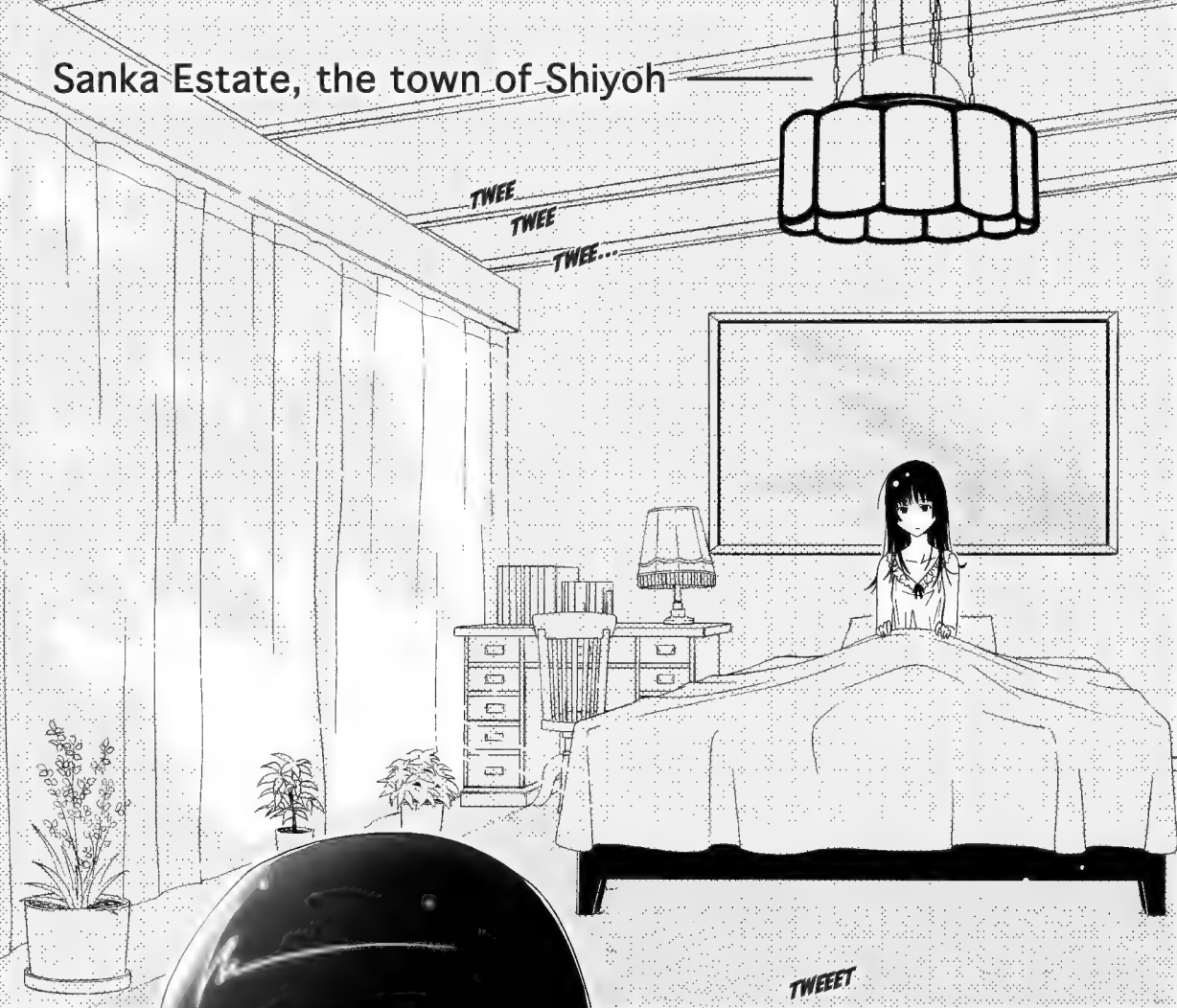


3

SANKA...REA

★★★★ ZOMBIE ★★★★★

Sanka Estate, the town of Shiyoh



...I
SEE...





Sarka Family Main Building (Three Stories)

Detached Villa (Single Story)



FATHER,
MOTHER!

SLIDE

GOOD
MORN-
ING!

C
R
E
A
K

THEY'RE
TELLING
ME YOU
BROKE YOUR
PROMISE
AND SNUCK
OUT AT NIGHT?

Rea's Mother
Sanka Aria

...I'M
SORRY,
MOTHER.

...REA,
I
HEARD.

AH,
GOOD
MORN-
ING,
REA.



FINE,
FINE...

HEY,
THERE'S
NO NEED
TO SPEAK
LIKE THAT
TO REA, IS
THERE?

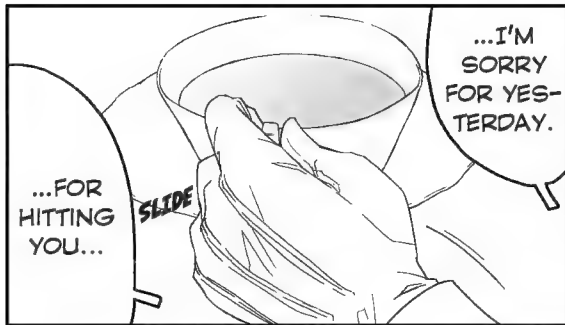
RUSTLE



UM... THE
MOON WAS
BEAUTIFUL,
SO I DECIDED
TO TAKE A
RELAXING
WALK IN THE
FOREST.

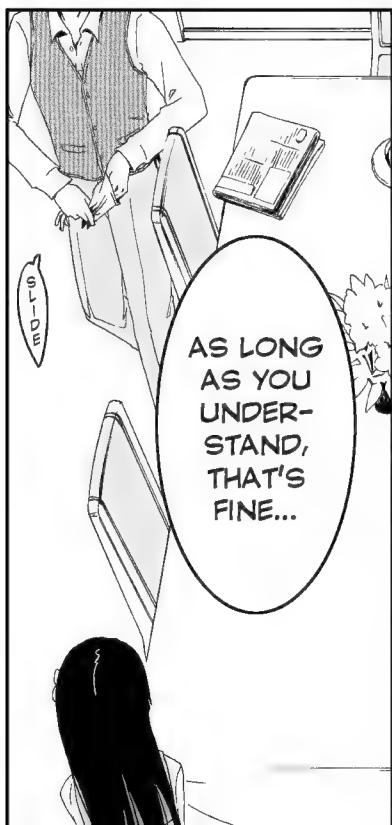
COME
ON,
COME
TO YOUR
SENSES.

YOUR
ACTIONS
COULD
EVEN AF-
FECT MY
REPUTA-
TION.



...FOR
HITTING
YOU...

...I'M
SORRY
FOR YES-
TERDAY.



AS LONG
AS YOU
UNDER-
STAND,
THAT'S
FINE...



...
THAT'S
RIGHT.



NO... OF
COURSE.

I WAS
WRONG,
AFTER
ALL. I'M
GRATEFUL
TO YOU,
FATHER.





BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

W... WHAT
DOES THAT
MEAN...?!

FURUYA-
KUN IS IN
DANGER...?!

SQUEEZE

BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP

I
CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT!!

WHAT'S
THAT?

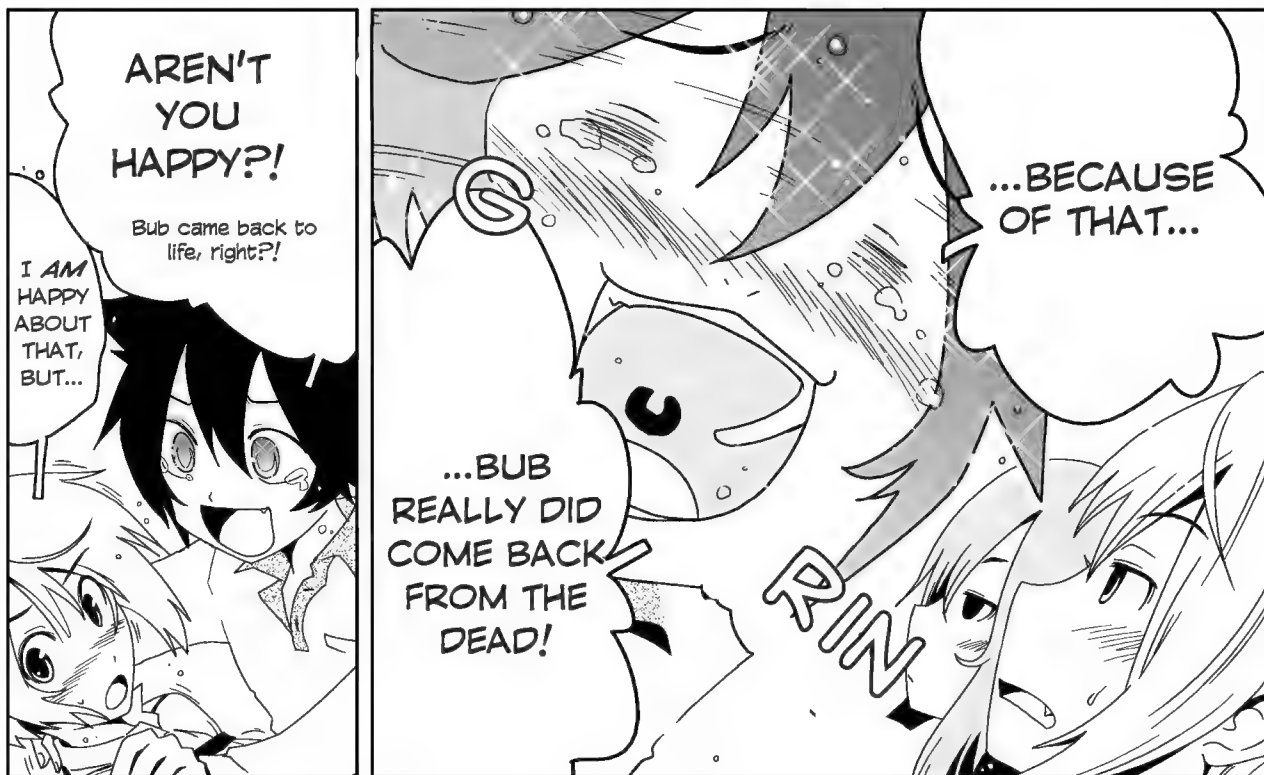
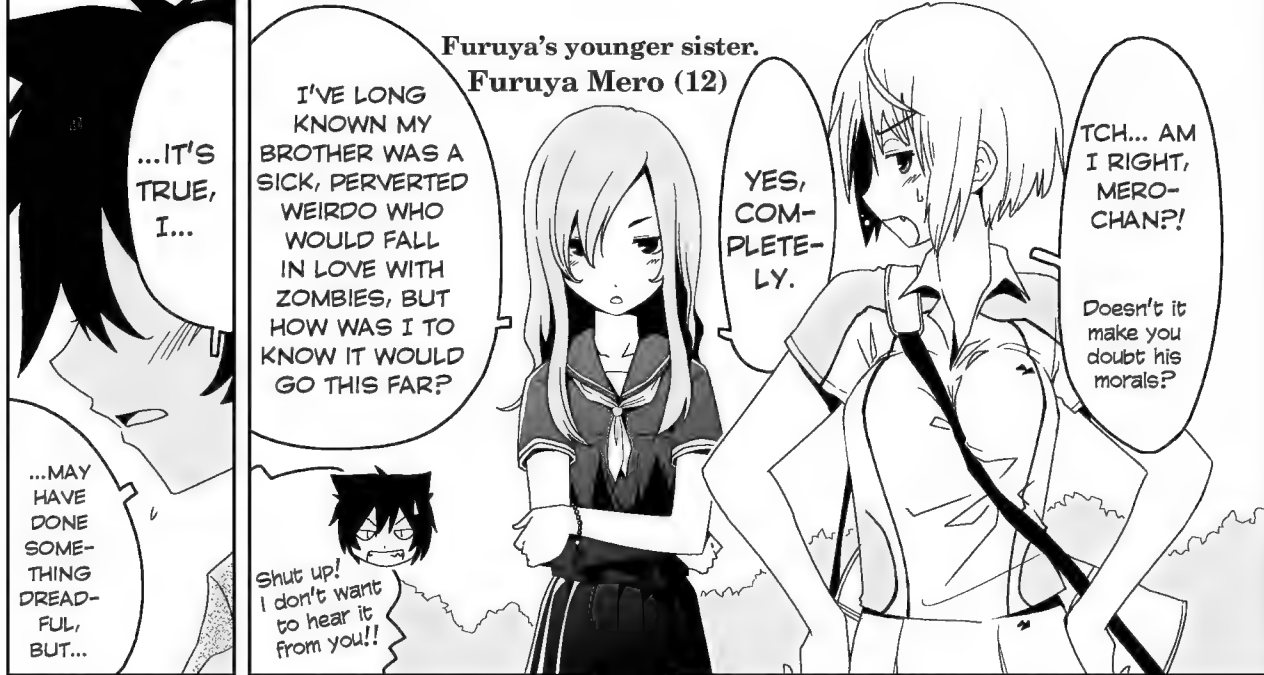
Shiryohji Temple
(the Furuya home)

AND YOU
DID IT EVEN
THOUGH
YOU'RE
TECHNICALLY
THE SON OF
A BUDDHIST
MONK...

YOU
BREWED A
REANI-
MATING
POTION...
...AND GAVE
IT TO BUB-
CHAN AFTER
HE DIED OR
SOMETHING...?
WHAT
WERE YOU
THINKING?!

WHISH

WHISH





IT'S GOT
TO BE
THE REAL
BUB!!

THAT
WEIRD
NASAL
MEOWING
...



BUT HIS
MOVEMENTS
AND HABITS
HAVEN'T
CHANGED
AT ALL!!

IT'S LIKE...
HE WAS
MORE
EMOTIONAL
BEFORE,
OR SOME-
THING...



HUFF
HUFF

BUB...
COME
ON
DOWN...

MEOW

MEOW

...BUT
THERE IS
SOMETHING
WEIRD
ABOUT HIM,
AFTER ALL...

His eyes are
really glowing,
too...

BECAUSE
IF HE CAME
BACK
LIKE A
ZOMBIE...

I
WONDER
IF HE'S
OKAY...

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?!

TWITCH

...WON'T
HE START
ATTACK-
ING PEOPLE
LIKE A
ZOMBIE?

AND
CAN YOU
REALLY BE SURE
THAT PEOPLE
WHO GET BITTEN
WON'T START TO
TURN INTO
ZOMBIES OR
SOMETHING
THEMSELVES?

CAN YOU
REALLY,
TRULY
PROMISE
THAT?!

N... NO WAY.
THIS ISN'T
A COMIC
BOOK, AFTER
ALL...

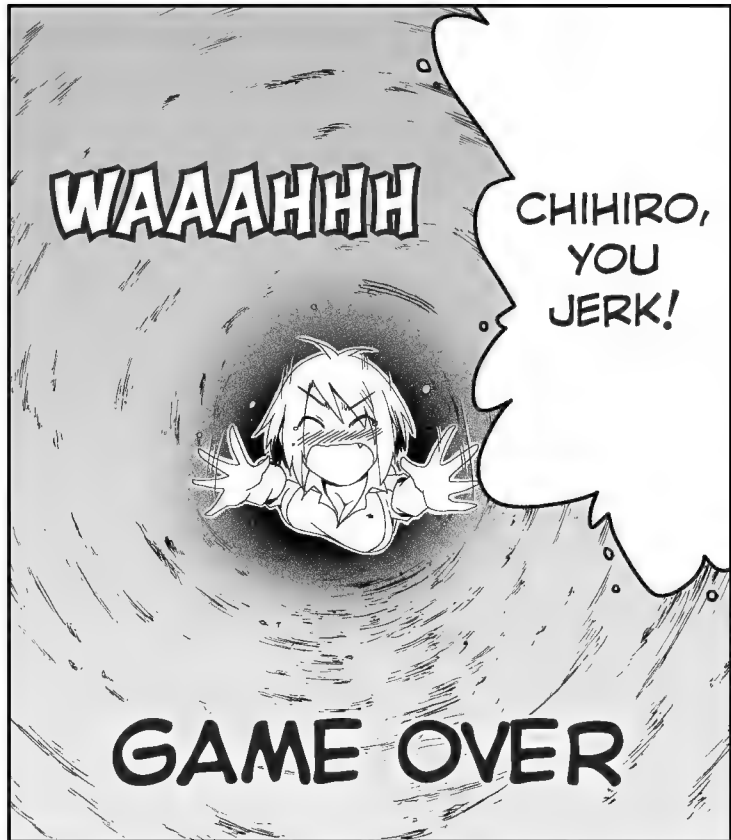
NHBUUHH...

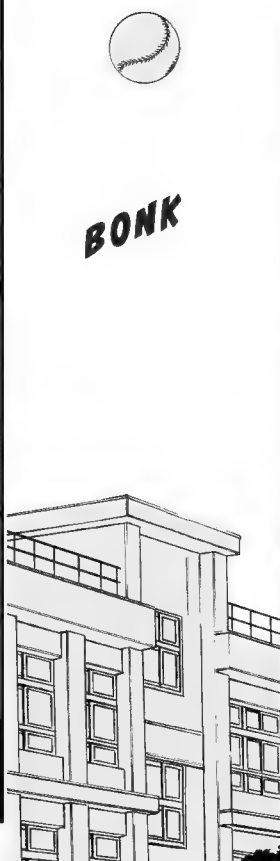
AAH,
WAIT
A
SEC!!

WHOOOOM













IS
FURUYA-
KUN
HERE...?

IS...

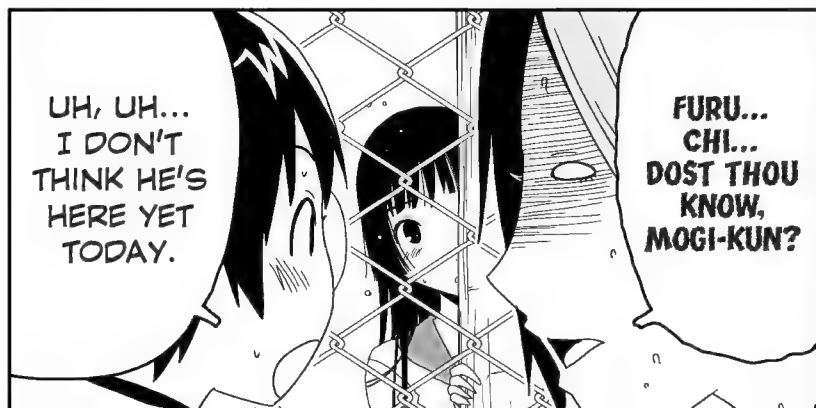
BLUSH



HE'S
A FIRST
YEAR
STUDENT...
FURUYA
CHIHIRO.

F...
FURU...?

N...
NHA...
WHAT WAS
THAT?



UH, UH...
I DON'T
THINK HE'S
HERE YET
TODAY.

FURU...
CHI...
DOST THOU
KNOW,
MOGI-KUN?



NGHAHHRR...



HUH...
UM... IT'S
NOTHING...

WHAT
BUSINESS
DOST
THOU
HAVE
WITH
SUCH A
MAN?



WHISPER

HE'S
GOING
TO BE...
CA...
CASTRATED
...

HUH?!



IS...
IS THAT
SO...



WHY...
WHY IS
REA-TAN...

LOOKING
FOR
FURU-
YAAA?!



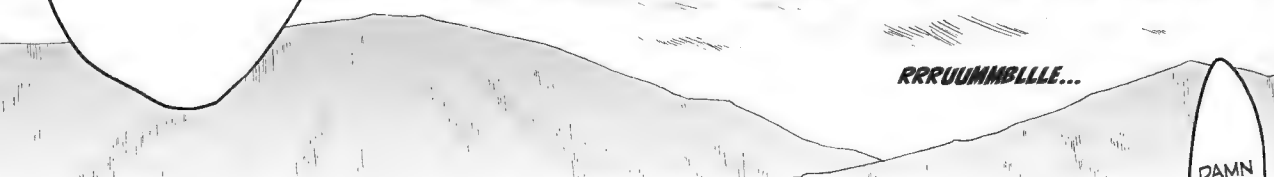
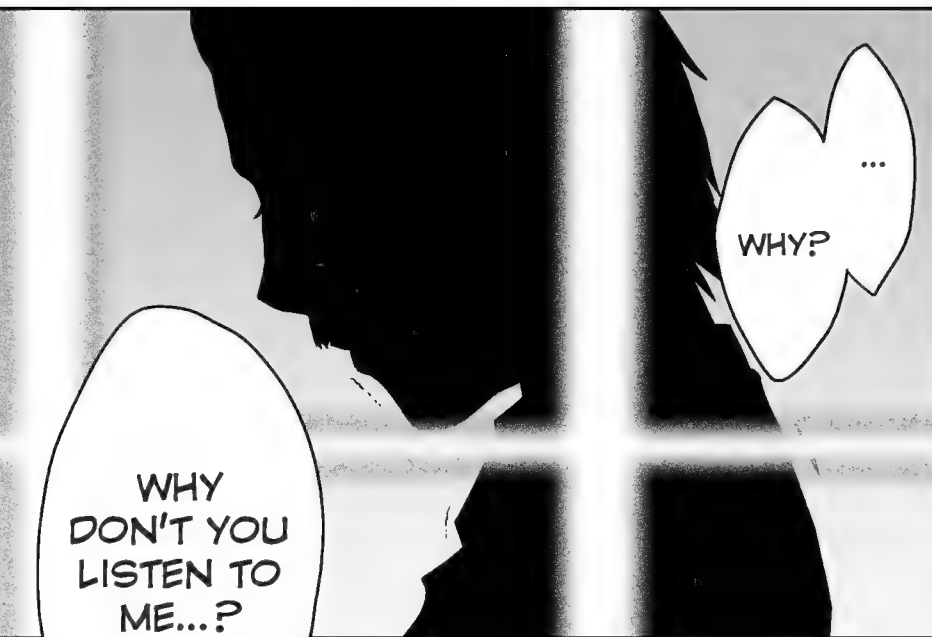
S
H
U
D
D
E
R



J... JUST
NOW...
FROM YOUR
MOUTH,
YOUNG
LADY... CA-
CASTRA...?

N...
NOTHING.
THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH.











EVEN
FOR A
WALK
IN THE
FOREST...



...THIS
SEEMS
A BIT
LONG...

...
RIGHT
?

?!
Who's
that?



TUG



IF WE
GO
NOW,
I
COULD
STILL
FORGIVE
YOU.

LET'S
GO
BACK
TO-
GETHER.



NOW,
THEN.

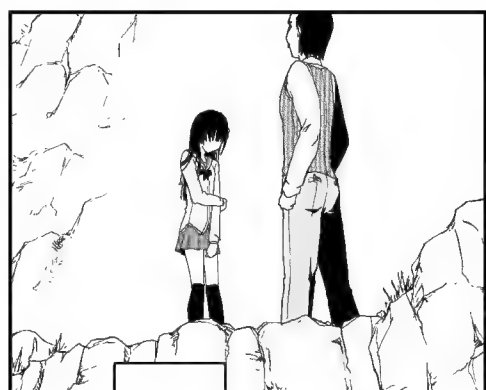
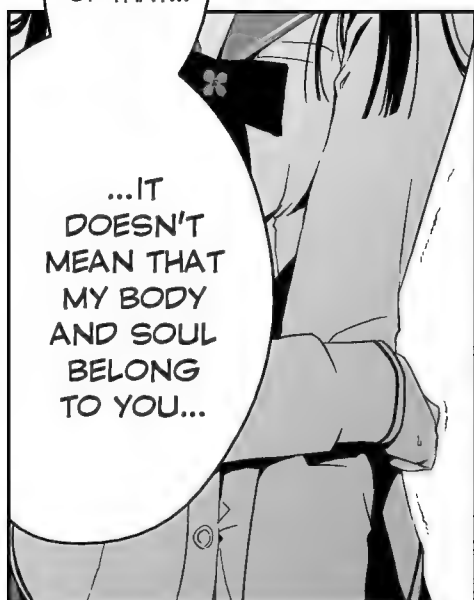


YOU'RE
A VERY
SMART
GIRL.



AFTER
ALL...

...YOU'RE
A SANKA
DAUGHTER...
MY
DAUGHTER.



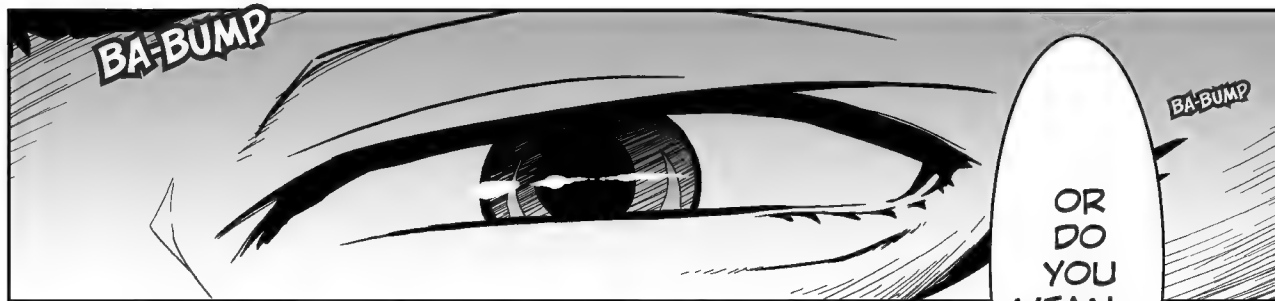
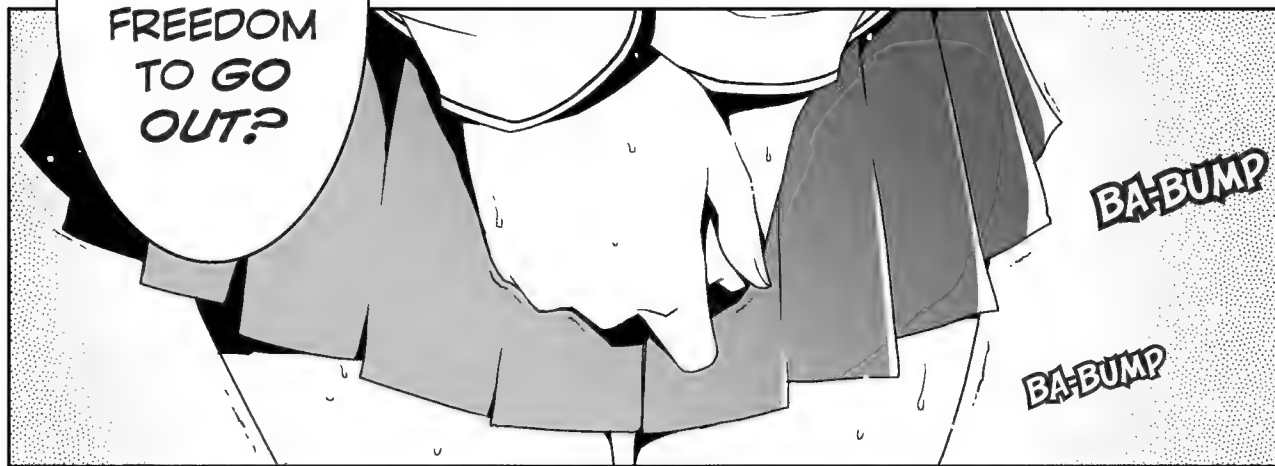




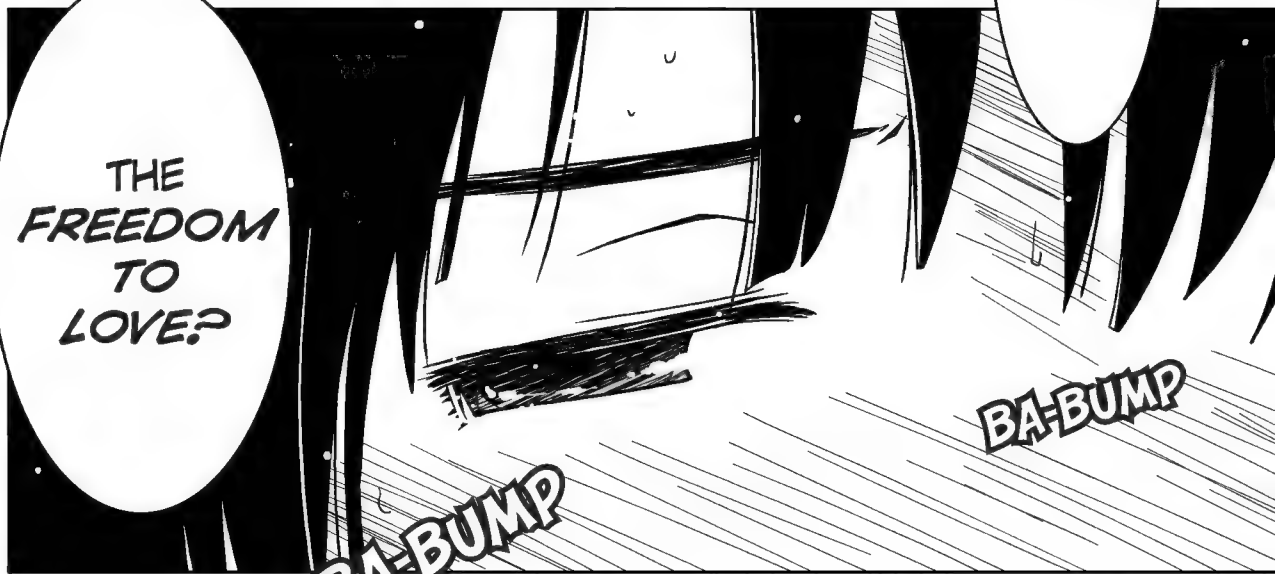
DO YOU
SIMPLY
MEAN THE
FREEDOM
TO GO
OUT?



WHAT
KIND OF
FREEDOM,
SPECIFI-
CALLY?
TELL
ME.



OR
DO
YOU
MEAN...



THE
FREEDOM
TO
LOVE?



WE'RE
GOING
HOME!!



YOU'RE
PROBABLY
JUST
GOING
TO SEE
THAT
FURUYA
KID...

SCRAMBLE



JUST
TODAY
WOULD
BE
ENOUGH

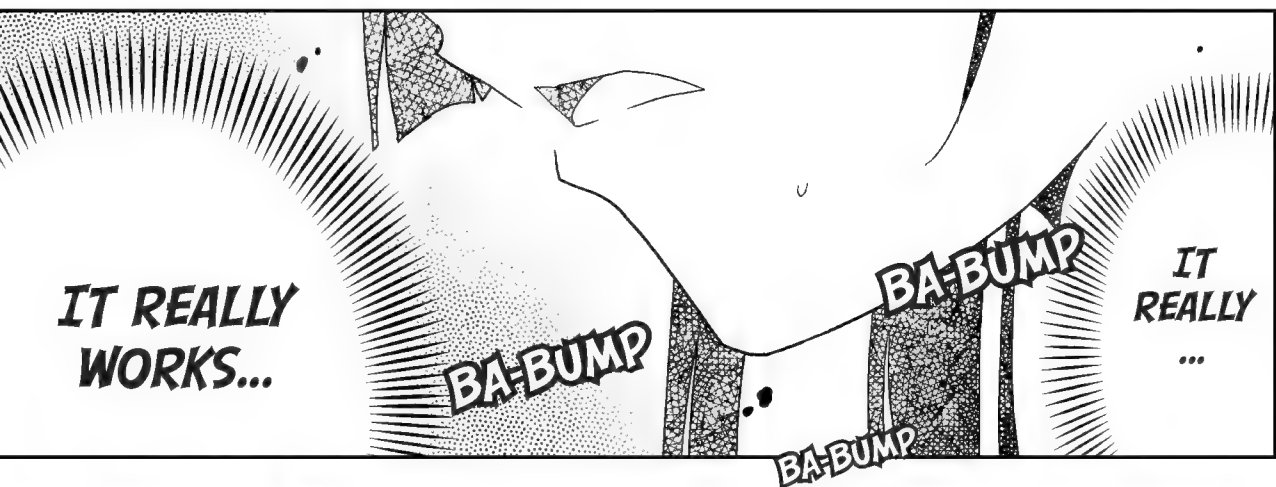
NO.

WAIT,
FATHER
!

TUG
TUG

AH!







NO...!

WOOSH

WAIT,
FATHER!

WOBBLE

EKK!

ZZH!!

VOOM





ZCZC...AAGGAGG

REA!!!







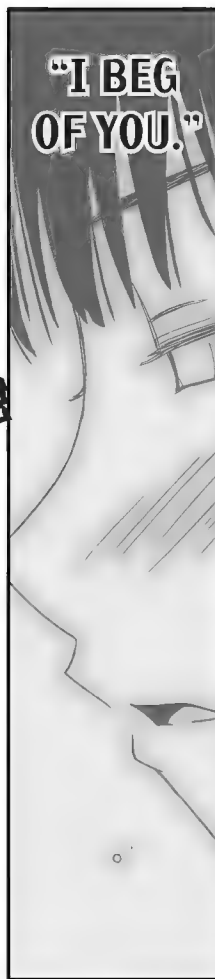
...CAN'T YOU...

...TAKE A
JOKE AT
ALL...?!

HEEY!

ANSWER ME !!







"YOU'D ACCEPT
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR ME, RIGHT...?"



SSSSHHH

TWITCH

HHHH

KUN



BUMP

BUMP

BUMP

HUH
...

KUN...

FU...
RUYA...

BUMP

HUH...?

DRIP

BUMP

FU
...

BUMP

RUYA
...

...
KUN
...

DRAG

DRAG
...

DRAG...

BUMP

BA



BA

BUMP

IT
CAN'T
BE...

H-
HOW...?

BUMP

I
DIDN'T
EVEN
GIVE
HER THE
POTION
...

OH...
DEAR
GOD...

BUMP

BUMP

DANI-
CHIROH-
SAMA!!

BA

FU-
RUYA
...

...
KUN
...

BUMP

GRIP

BUMP

SQUEEZE...

**LIKE
YOU...
PROM-
ISED...**

**ACCEPT...
RESPON-
SIBIL-
ITY...**







4

A NORMAL... GIRL...

★★★★ SHOCK WAVES ★★★★★

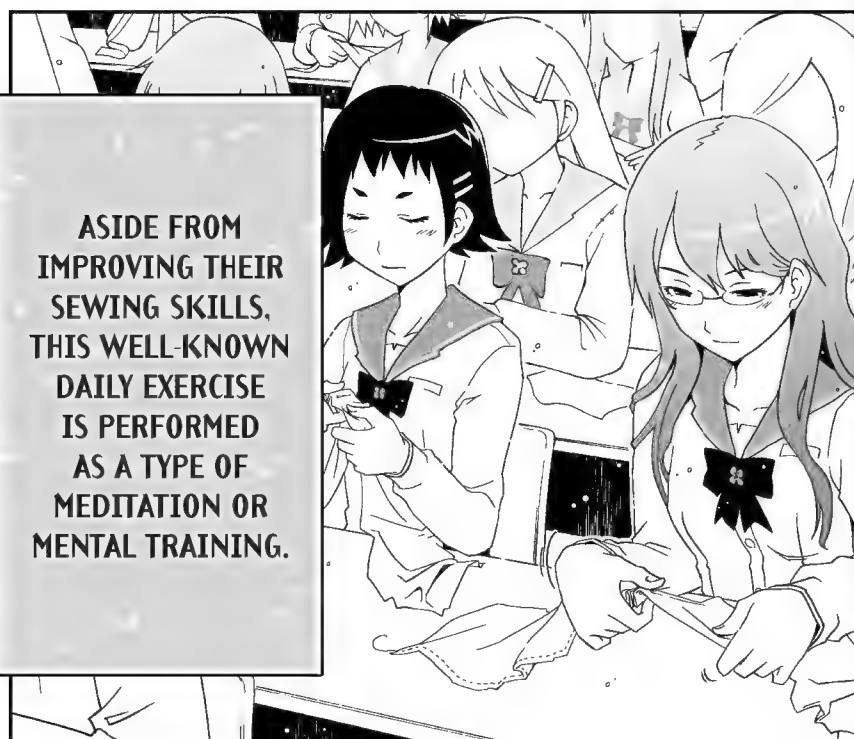


**SANKA
GIRLS'
PRIVATE
ACADEMY.**

**REA'S GREAT-
GRANDFATHER
FOUNDED
THIS FAMOUS
AND HISTORIC
GIRLS' SCHOOL
DURING THE
TAISHO PERIOD
(1912-1926).**

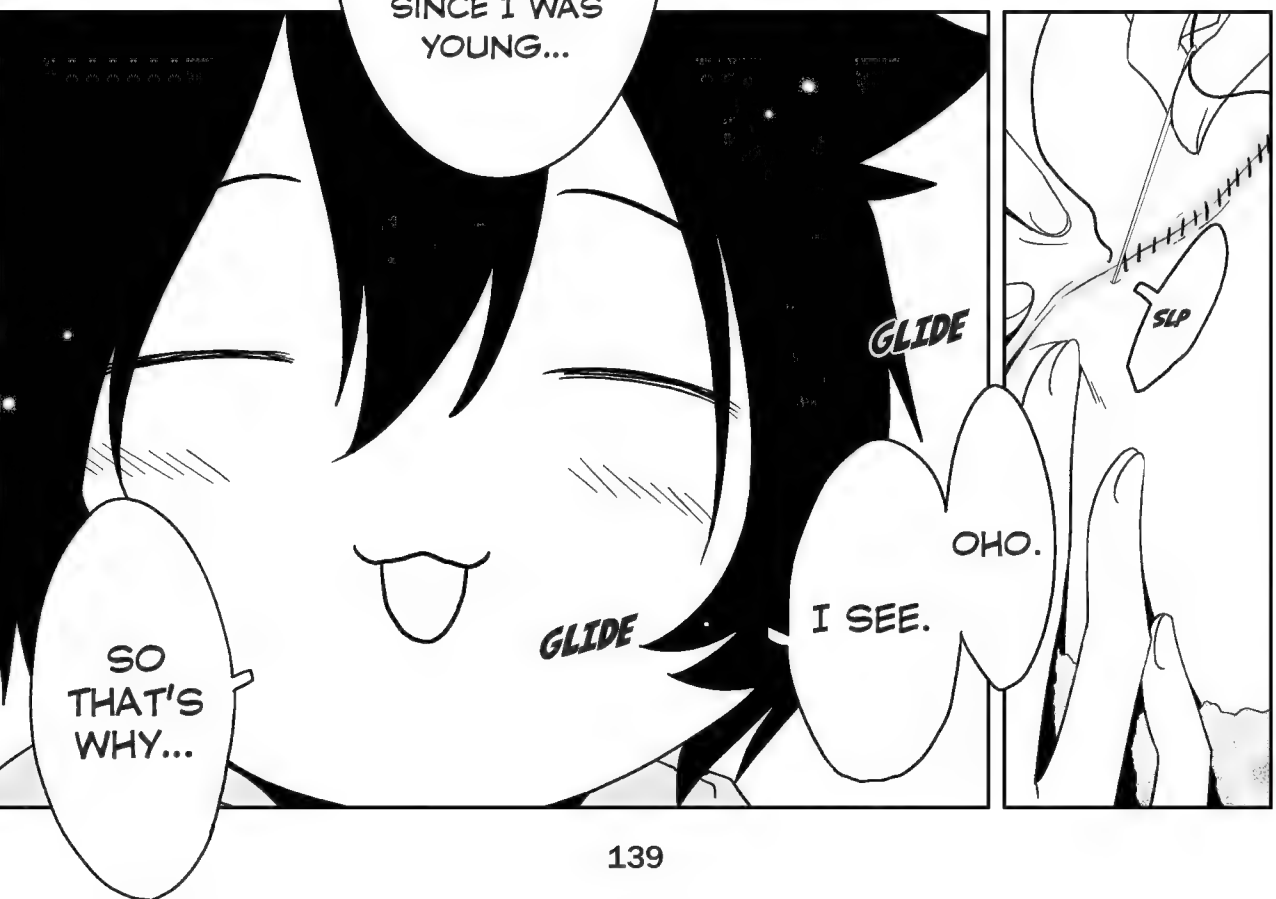
**IN ADDITION
TO NORMAL
STUDIES,**

**CLASSES SUCH AS
JAPANESE DANCE,
CALLIGRAPHY, AND
KABUKI AND NOH
APPRECIATION ARE
REQUIRED AS PART
OF A TOTAL CULTURAL
EDUCATION...**

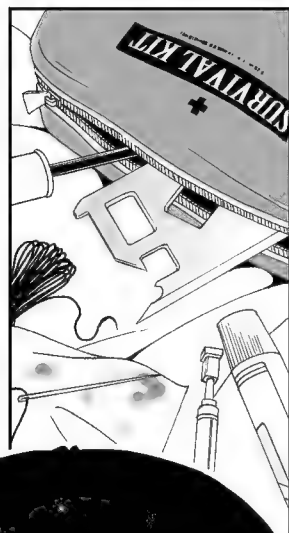


**ASIDE FROM
IMPROVING THEIR
SEWING SKILLS,
THIS WELL-KNOWN
DAILY EXERCISE
IS PERFORMED
AS A TYPE OF
MEDITATION OR
MENTAL TRAINING.**

**THERE ARE ALSO TEN
MINUTES BEFORE
FIRST PERIOD WHEN
ALL STUDENTS
OF THE SCHOOL
MUST PERFORM
SOMETHING
CALLED MEISHIN,
CONTINUALLY
SEWING A NEEDLE
THROUGH A SCRAP
OF CLOTH...**







Furuya's oversized t-shirt. ↗



YOU
DIED AN
HOUR
AGO!!



HEY,
YOU...

...DO
YOU
REAL-
IZE?!



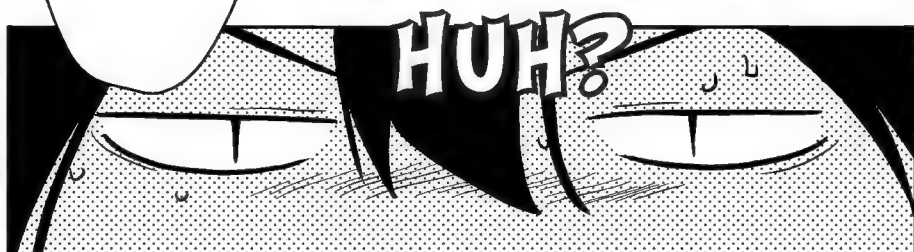
YOUR
PUPILS
ARE WIDE
OPEN,
TOO...

YOUR
PULSE
HAS LONG
SINCE
STOPPED...

YOUR SKIN
IS GETTING
COLDER
AND
COLDER.

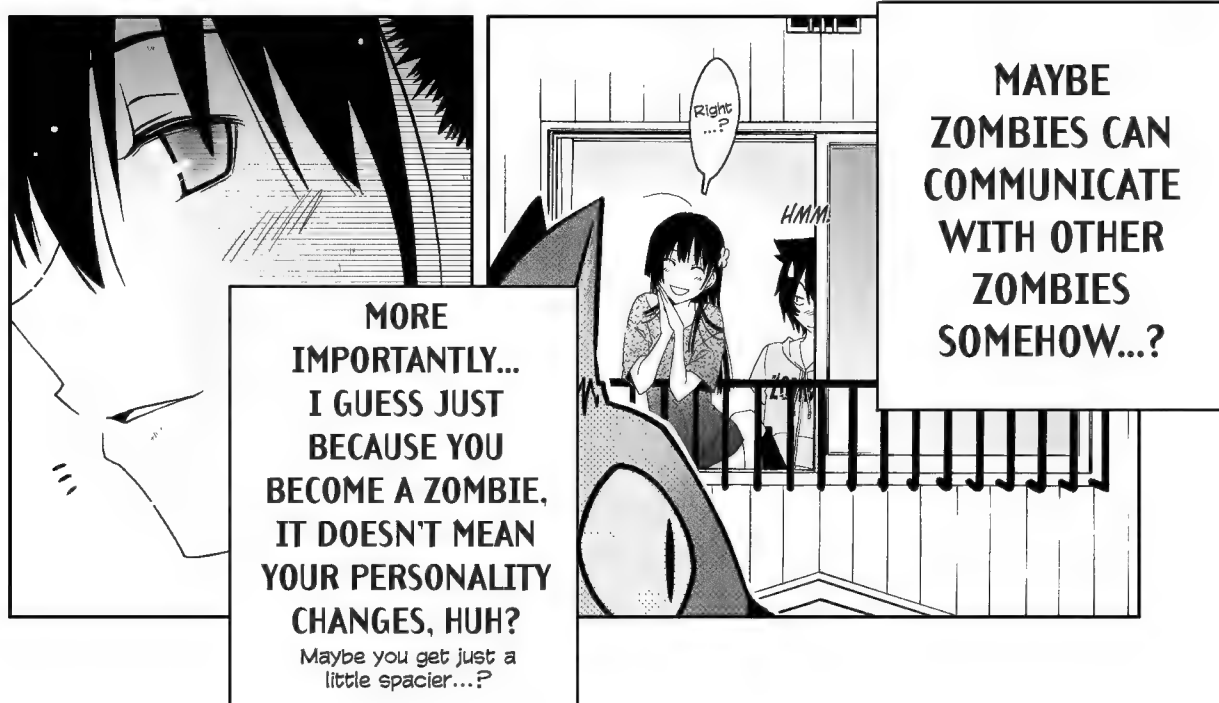


HOW
CAN YOU
BE LAUGH-
ING?!











...YOU'D
PREFER IF
I ACTED
MORE LIKE
A NORMAL
ZOMBIE?

GRRAAH...

OH,
COULD
IT BE...



...
TO BE
HON-
EST...

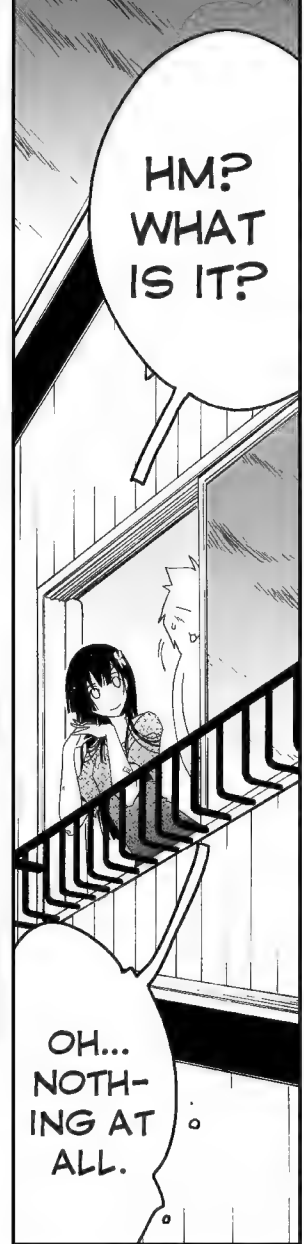
...YOU'RE
CUTE
ENOUGH
RIGHT
NOW AS
IT IS...



LIKE
THE
ONES
YOU
LIKE...

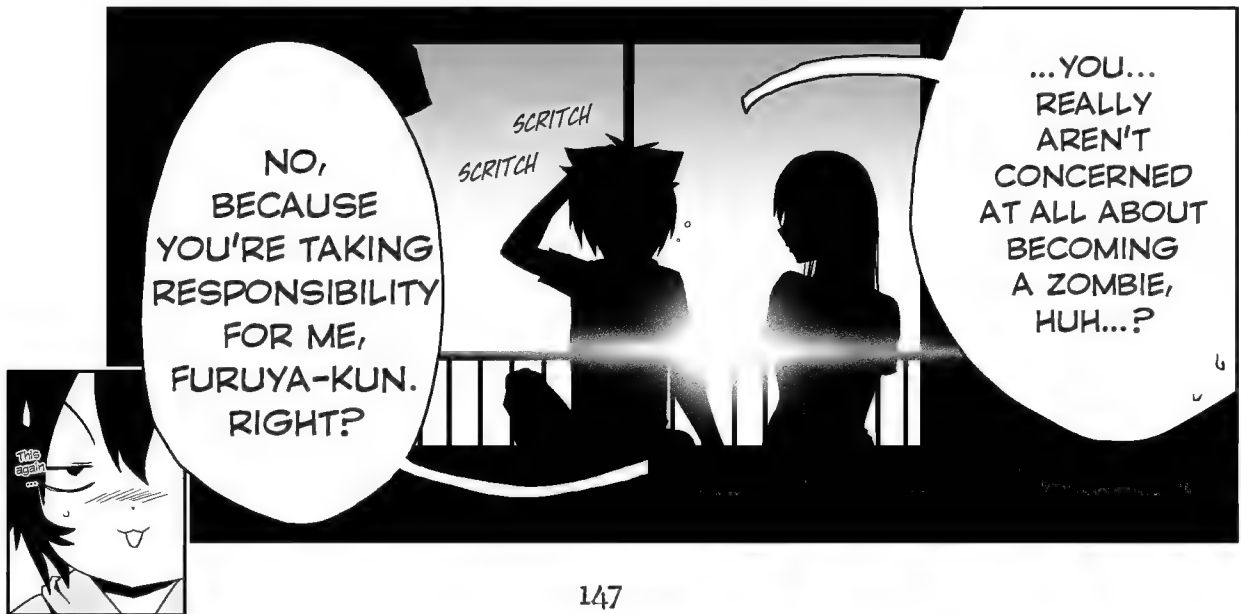
FU-
RUYA-
KUN...?

HEEHEE...



HM?
WHAT
IS IT?

OH...
NOTH-
ING AT
ALL.



NO,
BECAUSE
YOU'RE TAKING
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR ME,
FURUYA-KUN.
RIGHT?

SCRITCH
SCRITCH

...YOU...
REALLY
AREN'T
CONCERNED
AT ALL ABOUT
BECOMING
A ZOMBIE,
HUH...?

Two
again...



H M M M ...

LET ME SEE...



H U H U.

WHAT DO YOU THINK I SHOULD DO TO "TAKE RESPONSIBILITY," EXACTLY ...?

THAT'S... HOW DO I PUT IT...



GRIN

...OH! AND LET'S GO SEE SOME ZOMBIE MOVIES, TOO.

UMM, WHAT ELSE...?



N...HMMM...

TAKE ME TO THE MUSE-UM...

...TAKE ME SHOPPING WITH YOU.

HUH?!



IN SHORT, WHAT I COULDN'T DO UNTIL NOW.



THAT'S ALL JUST...

WHAT IS SHE SAYING...?

AND IN THE SUMMER, FESTIVALS WOULD BE FUN, ALSO...

OH YEAH, THE AMUSEMENT PARK!!



PLEASE
LET ME
EXPERIENCE
EVERY-
THING...



...AS A
NORMAL
GIRL!



YOU
MEAN
I
CAN'T
?!

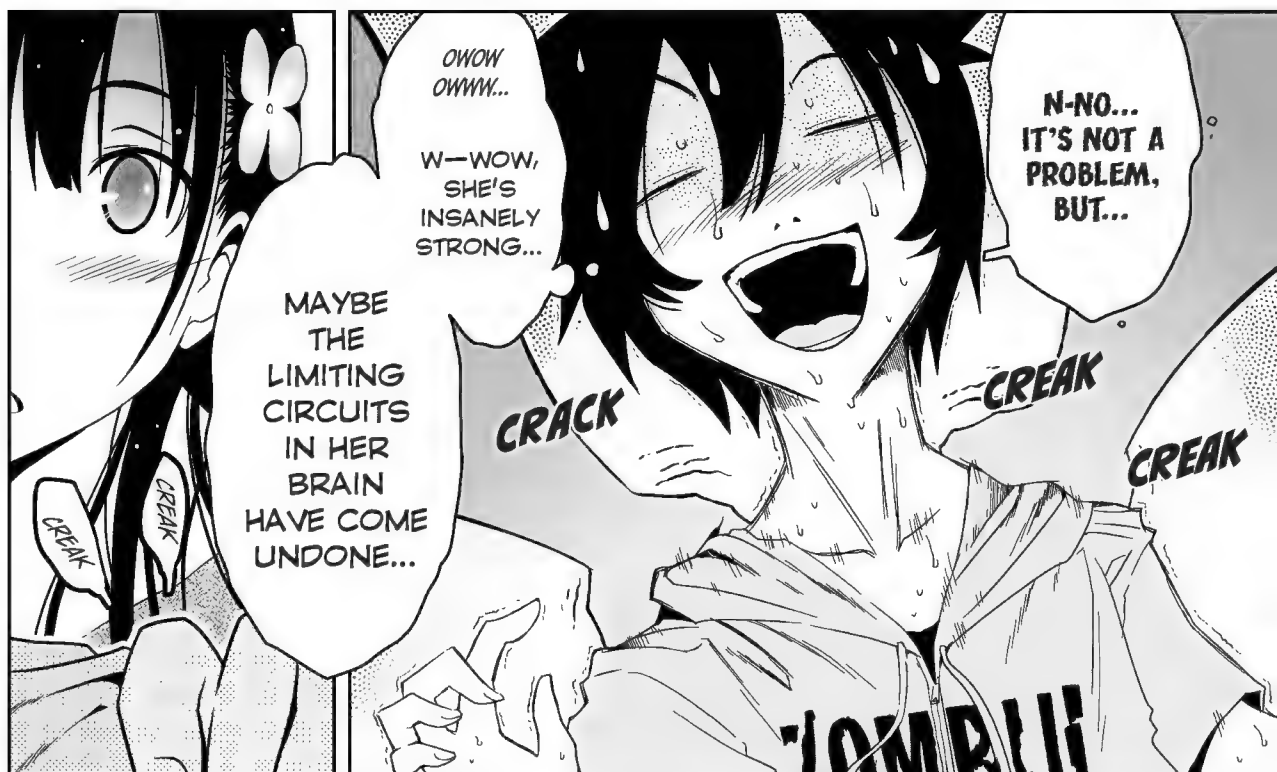


HUH? IS
THERE
SOMETHING
STRANGE
ABOUT
THAT?!

UHUUH...

...EVEN
THOUGH
YOU'VE
BECOME A
ZOMBIE...

...YOU JUST
WANT THE
EXPERIENCES
OF A
NORMAL
GIRL...?



OWOW
OWWWW...

W-WOW,
SHE'S
INSANELY
STRONG...

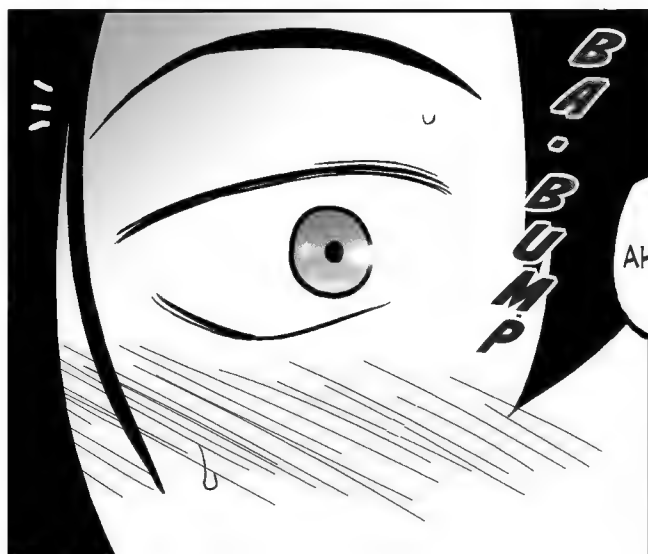
N-NO...
IT'S NOT A
PROBLEM,
BUT...

MAYBE
THE
LIMITING
CIRCUITS
IN HER
BRAIN
HAVE COME
UNDONE...

CRACK

CREAK

CREAK



B
A
-
B
U
M
P

AH...





...RUYA-KUN...

I...

BUMP

BUMP

BUMP



HUH
...?

SOME-
HOW...
I...

H-HEY...
WHAT'S
THIS,
ALL OF A
SUDDEN...?!

BUMP

BUMP





HEY,
CHIHIRO!
COME
OUT
HERE!

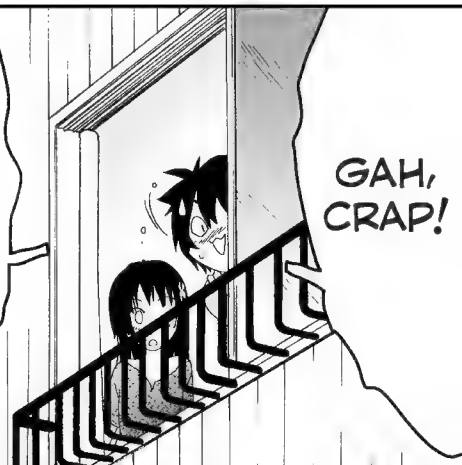
TWITCH



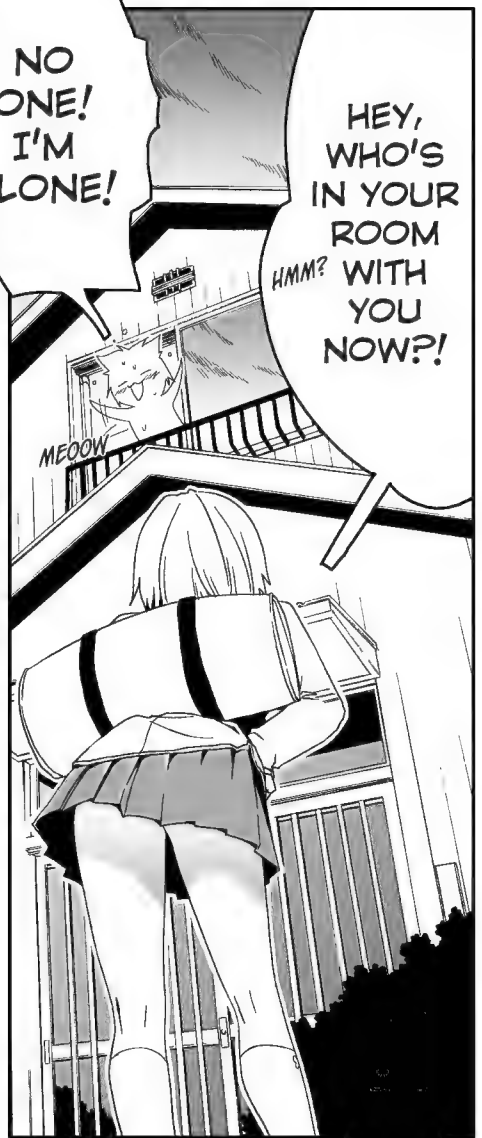
GASP

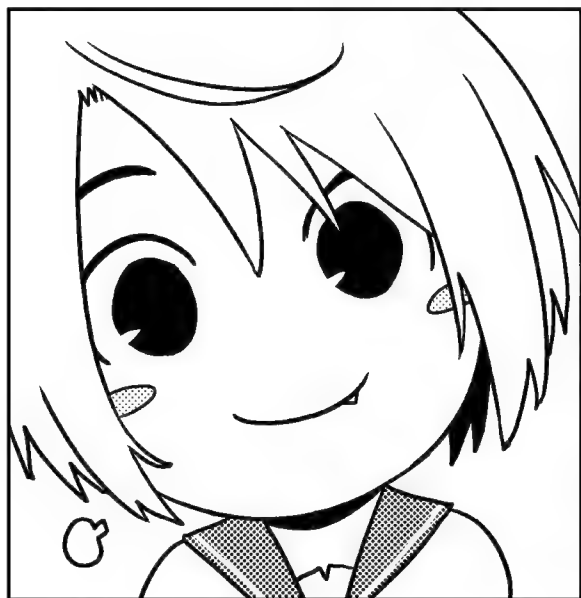
I
TOTALLY
FOR-
GOT!

HM?!



GAH,
CRAP!







COME ON,
CHIHIRO..
JUST GET A
CELL PHONE
ALREADY.

Times like that
are a real
hassle!!

I DON'T
NEED
A CELL
PHONE OR
ANYTHING.



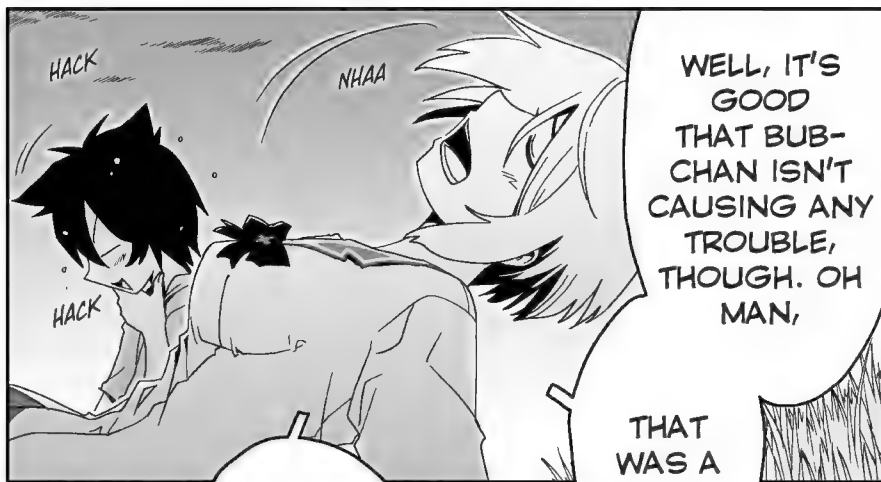
IS THAT
YOUR
ONLY
EXCUSE?

AHHH, I'M
SORRY. I'M
TELLING
YOU, I'M
SORRY!!



HEY!
FURUYA!!

SCRATCH



WELL, IT'S
GOOD
THAT BUB-
CHAN ISN'T
CAUSING ANY
TROUBLE,
THOUGH. OH
MAN,

THAT
WAS A
SHOCK.



BUT WHAT'S
GONNA
HAPPEN TO
BUB-CHAN
AFTER THIS?
WILL HE JUST
STAY ALIVE
FOREVER?

...THAT'S
THE
QUES-
TION.



GAH,
WHAT THE
HELL?!
NOW YOU,
YASUTAKA
...?

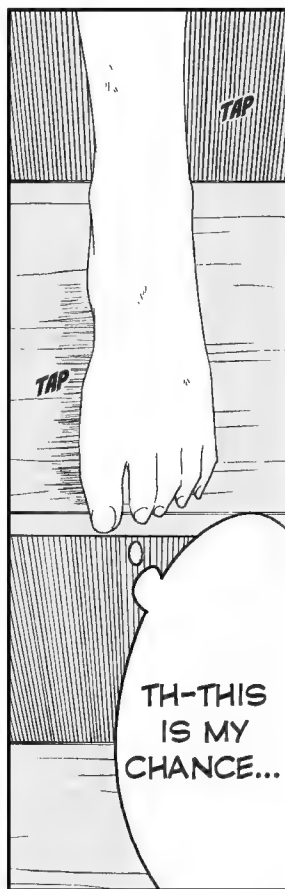
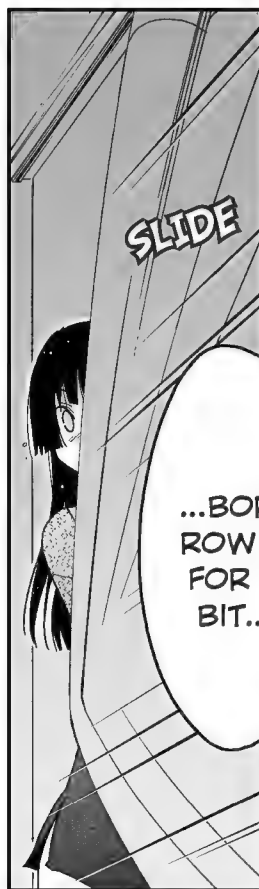


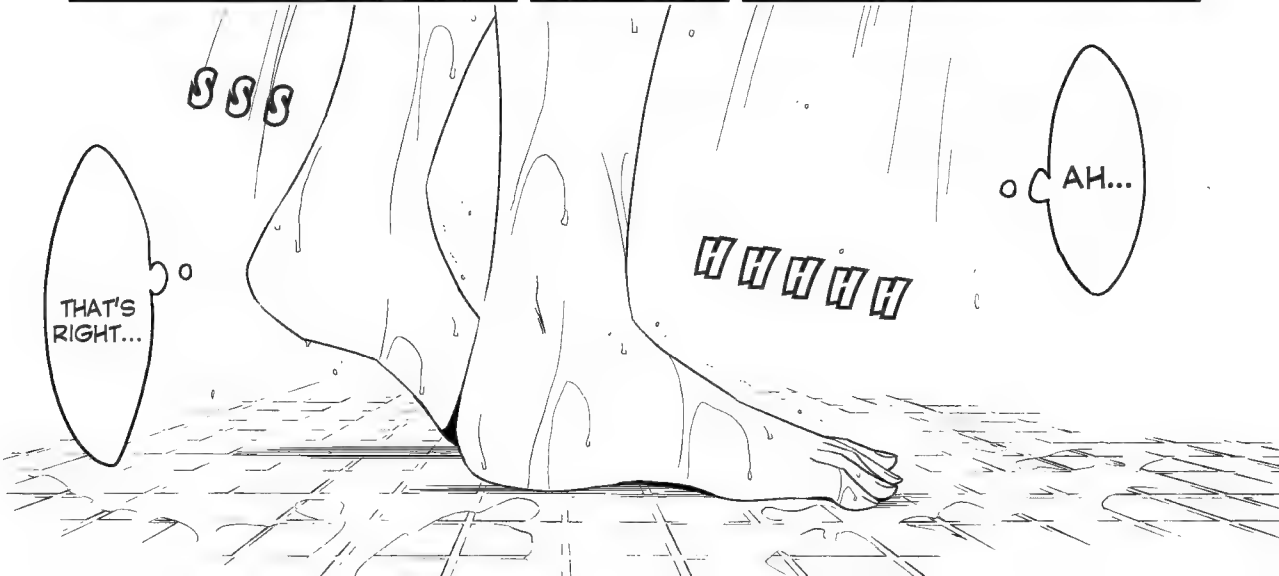
YOU
BAS-
TAAARD...



PLEASE
INTRODUCE
ME TO
REA-TAN,
TOO.

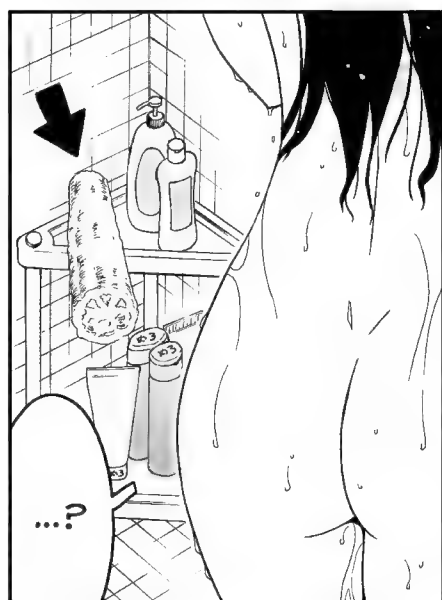


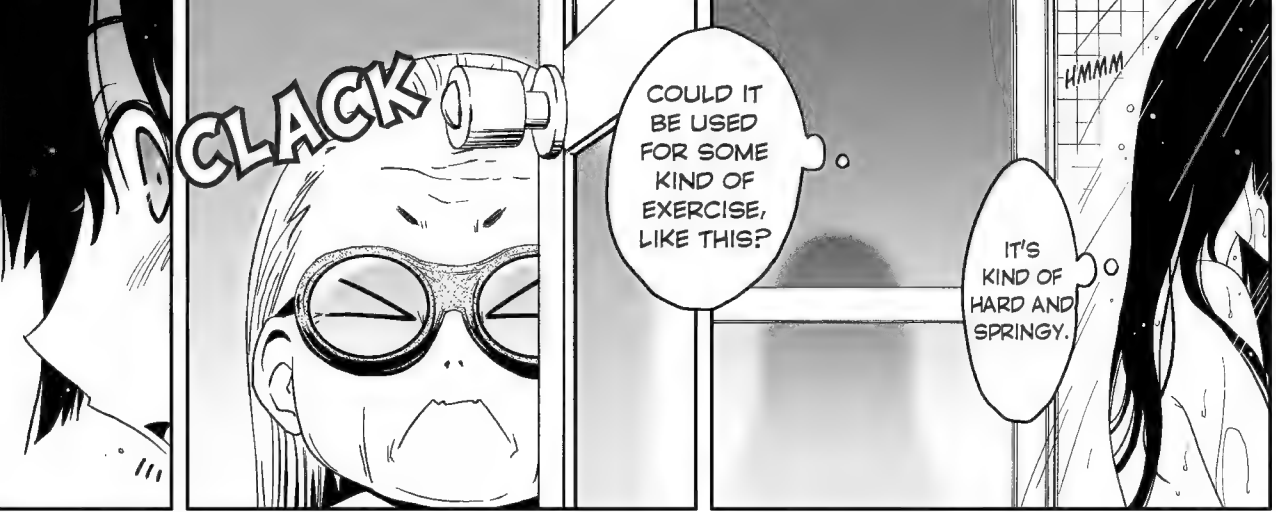






(She doesn't mean this maliciously at all.)







HE...
SAW
ME...

GASP

UMMM...

AH,

UH...

WHAAA
?!

...THERE
WAS
SOMEONE
HERE?!

HM?

CEN-
SORED



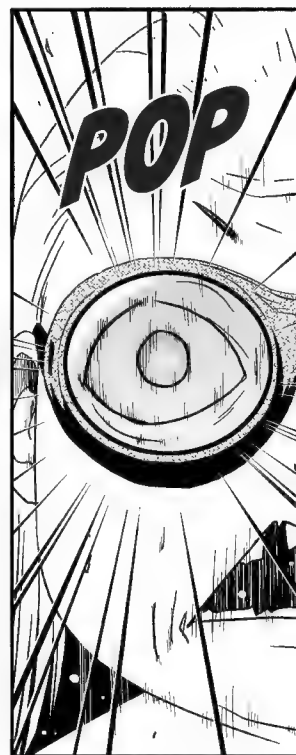
WOOSH

SADA...

IS THAT
YOU,
SADA...?!

CEN-
SORED

EEEK!



POP



OOHHHH,
SADA!!
I'M SORRY
FOR EVERY-
THIIING!!

RUB

RUB

WAAAAAAAH!
SADAAAAA!
YOU'VE COME
BACK TO
LIIIFE!!!

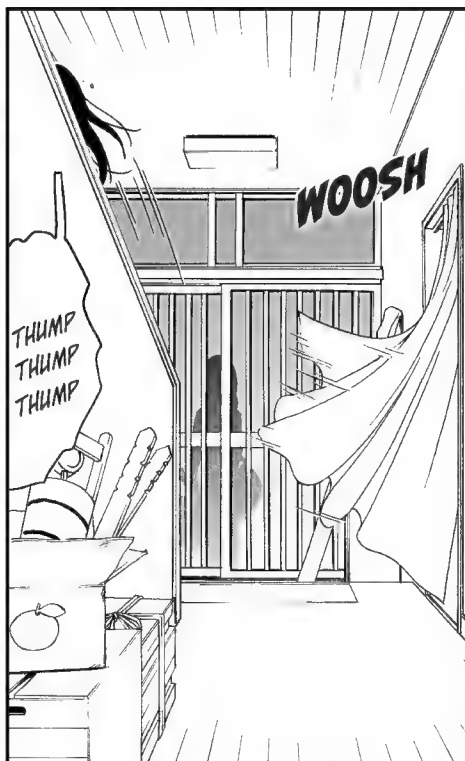
HUH,
NO, I'M
NOT...

RUB



I'M HOME.

CLATTER
CLATTER



WOOSH

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP



U-UMM,
YOU HAVE
THE
WRONG
PERSON!

SADAAA!

DASH



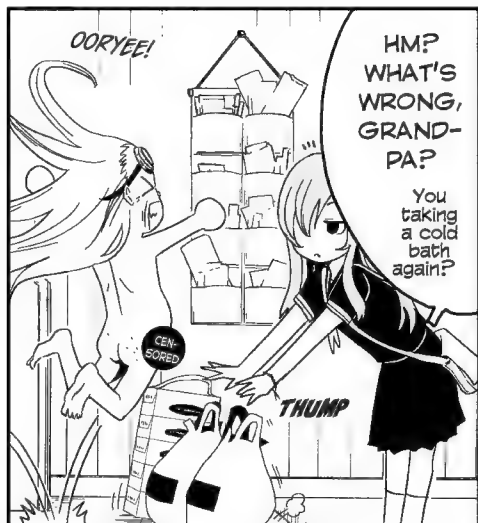
...GIMME
A BREAK.

SWING

SWING

SHE
CAME
BACK
TO
LIFE!

SADA
CAME
BACK TO
ME!



OORYEE!

HMP?
WHAT'S
WRONG,
GRAND-
PA?

You
taking
a cold
bath
again?

THUMP



D-DID I
MANAGE
TO NOT
GET
CAUGHT...?

WHEW...

YOU'RE
TOTALLY
OUT OF
IT...

...HUH?
WHAT
WAS I
DOING
JUST
NOW?

HMM?
IS
THAT
SO...?

AND
ANYWAY,
GRAND-
MA'S NAME
WASN'T
SADA, IT
WAS KIYO!

GRANDMA
DIED FIVE
YEARS
AGO.
SHE'S
NOT HERE
ANYMORE.



BUT... I
FINALLY...

...
BECAME
FREE...
HEE
HEE...

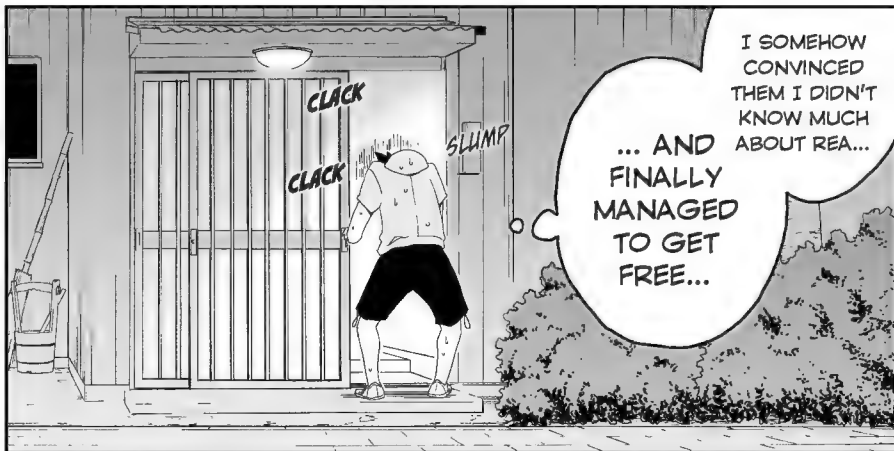
OH... ALL
KINDS OF
THINGS
HAPPENED
TODAY...

...IT'LL
BE LIKE
THIS, AL-
WAYS...

DROOP

DROOP

FROM
NOW
ON...



... AND
FINALLY
MANAGED
TO GET
FREE...

I SOMEHOW
CONVINCED
THEM I DIDN'T
KNOW MUCH
ABOUT REA...



SORRY
TO BE
LATE...

CLATTER

CAW
OF THE
DEAD

SEEMS
LIKE
MERO
DIDN'T
CATCH
US,
EITHER.



...NAH,
I CAN'T
WORK
UP AN
APPETITE
TODAY...

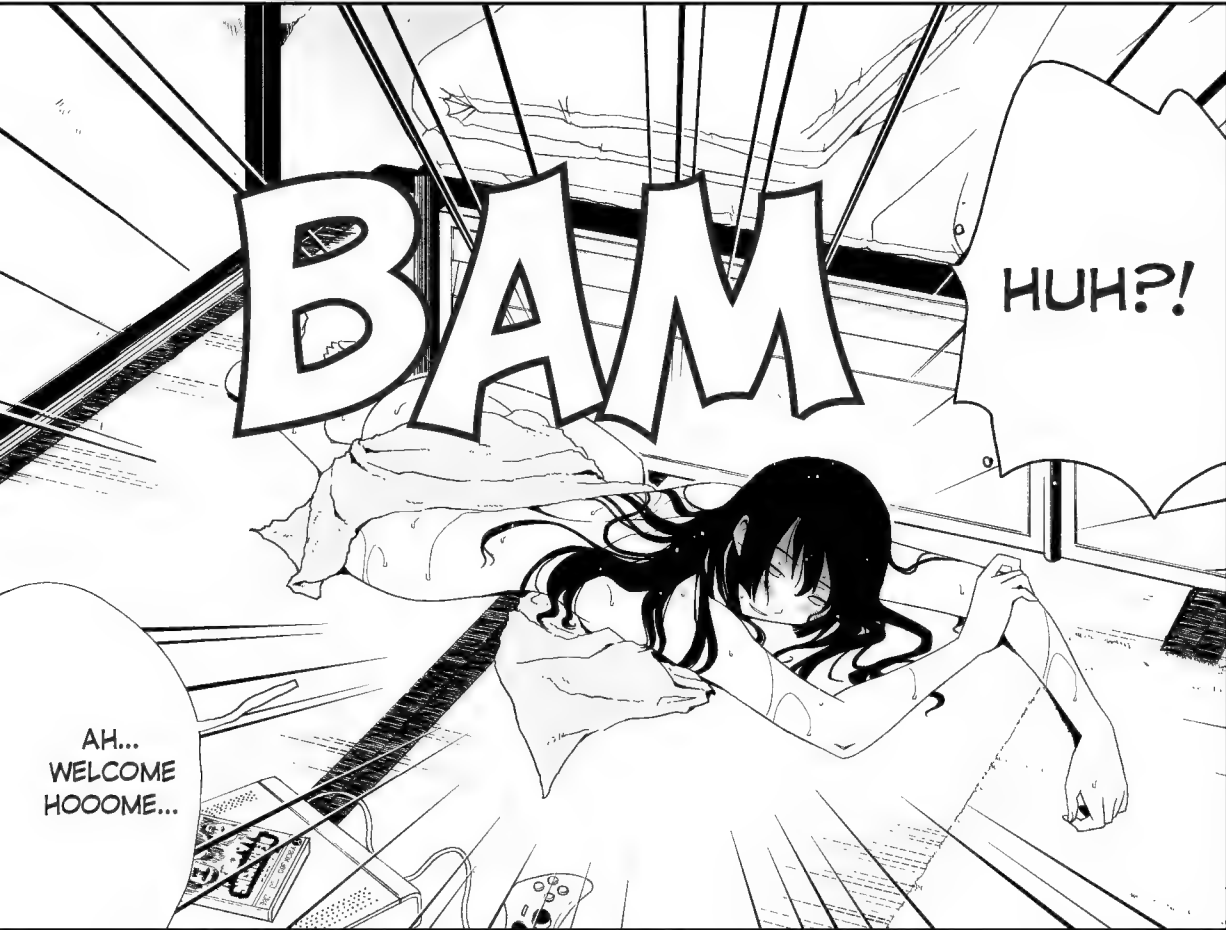
OH.
BROTHER.
IT'S
MOTSU-
NABE*
TONIGHT.

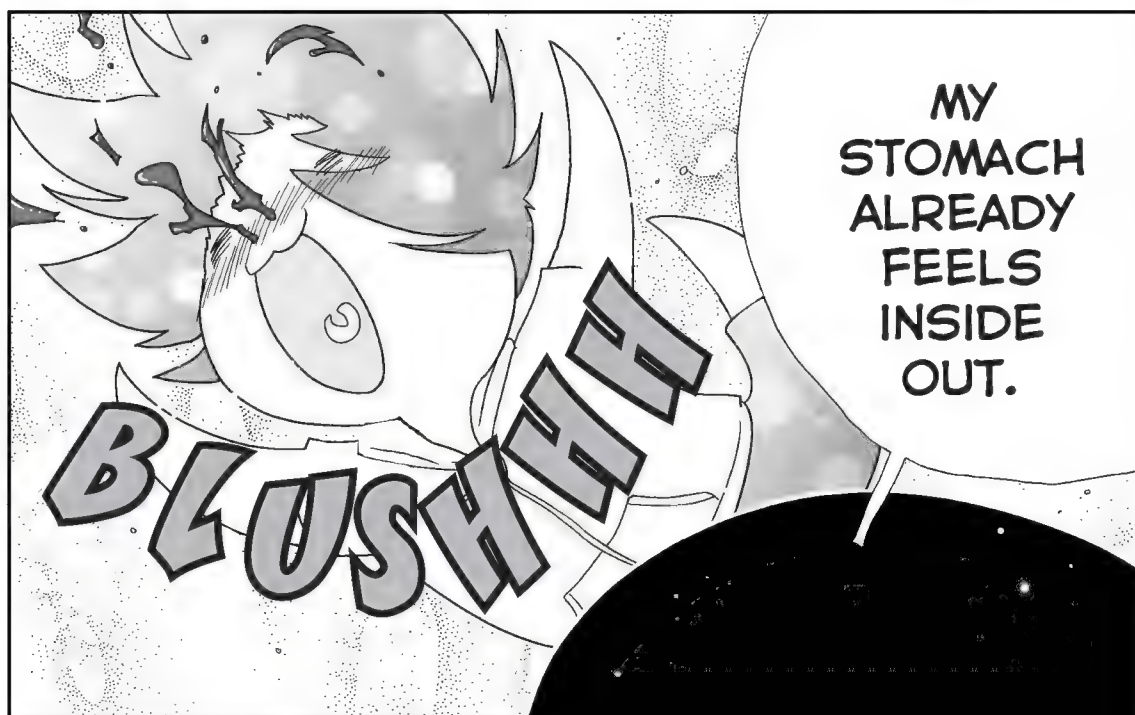
TUG

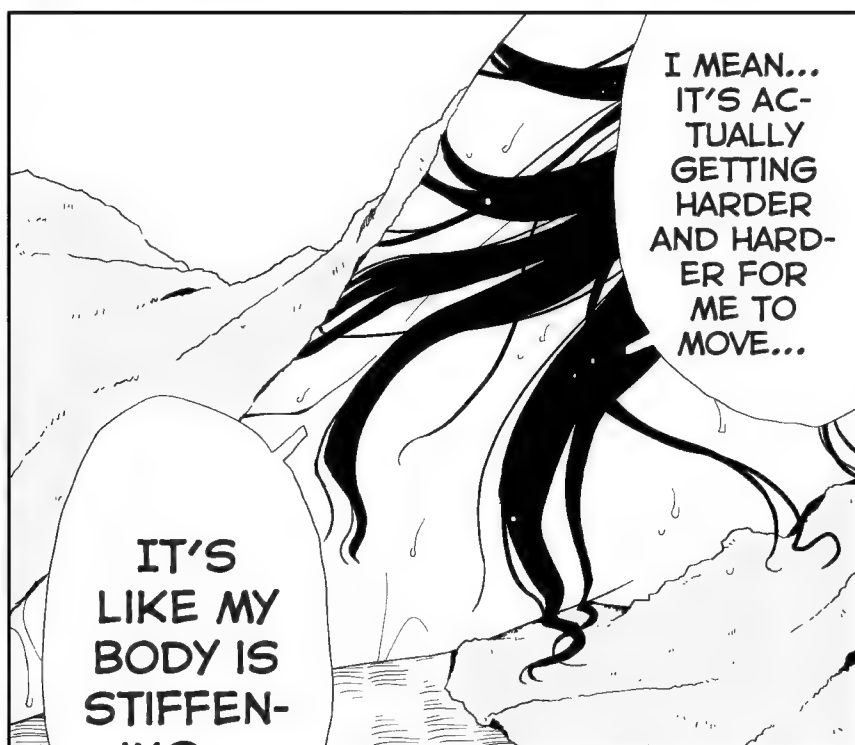


WHEW...

*Offal hot pot.









TUG

I-I'M
GONNA
TOUCH
YOU FOR
JUST A
SECOND.



WHAT THE
HELL...?!
COULD THE
POTION BE
WEARING
OFF...?!



R...

RIGOR...
MORTIS?!



...!!



TUG
TUG

COULD
IT
BE...?

THIS
STIFFEN-
ING...



...REA
HERSELF
WAS
ACTING SO
UPBEAT
THAT I
DIDN'T
HAVE A
REAL SENSE
OF IT...



HMM...
MMM,
JUST AS I
EXPECTED
FROM
YOU, FU...
RUYA-
KUN...

YOU
KNOW...
SO...
MUCH...



Y-YEAH,
THAT'S PROB-
ABLY IT... IT'S
OKAY, IT'S A
NATURAL PHE-
NOMENON.

{RIGOR MORTIS}

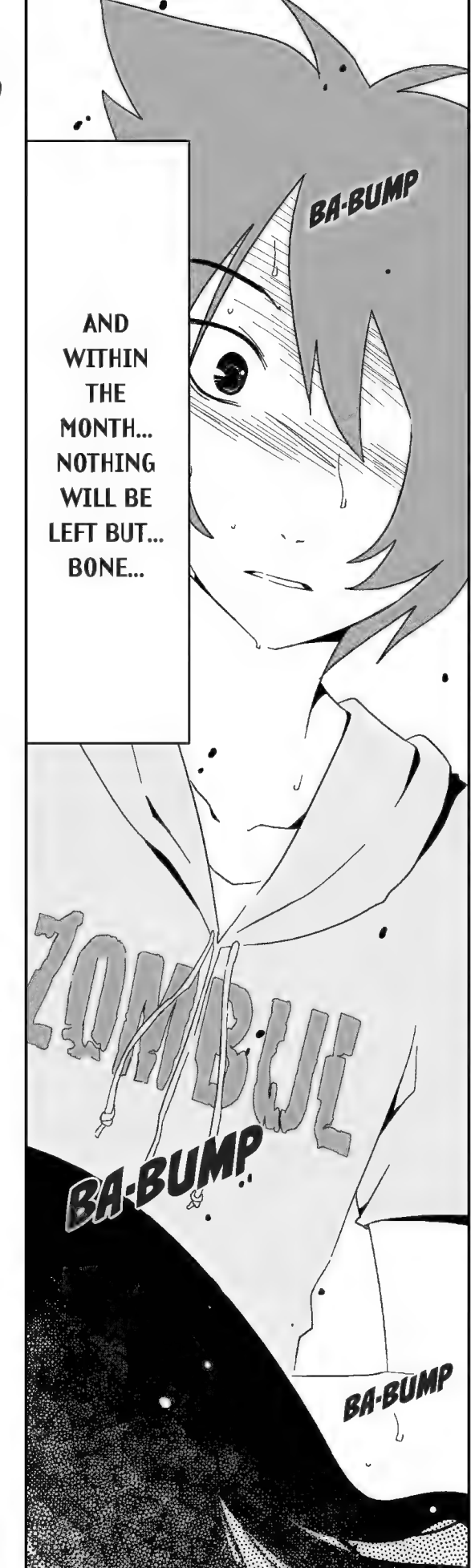
A PHENOMENON WHEREIN THE BODY'S
MUSCLES BEGIN TO GROW INCREASINGLY
STIFF, STARTING MINUTES TO HOURS AFTER
DEATH. THE STIFFNESS BEGINS TO CLEAR UP
AFTER APPROXIMATELY 30 HOURS, RETURNING
TO NORMAL.

(*HOWEVER, THE TIMING CAN BE AFFECTED BY
TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY CONDITIONS.)



...IS IN THE SAME
CONDITION
AS A DEAD
PERSON'S....!!

...BUT EVEN
IF SHE
RETAINED HER
CONSCIOUSNESS,
HER BODY...



AND
WITHIN
THE
MONTH...
NOTHING
WILL BE
LEFT BUT...
BONE...

BA-BUMP

ZOMBIE

BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

NYEE-
AH...

BA-BUMP

SO THEN,
THAT
MEANS
REA'S
BODY...

BA-BUMP

IF LEFT
ALONE...
...WILL
GRADUALLY
DECAY...

BA-BUMP



... HAVE TO
PROTECT IT...!!



... REA'S
BODY... I...



BA-BUMP

BA-BUMP

I HAVE TO DO
SOMETHING,
OR ELSE...

BA-BUMP

CONTINUED IN VOLUME 2

◆◆◆ TO BE CONTINUED ◆◆◆

CELEBRATING THE RELEASE OF SANKAREA

END-OF-
VOLUME
BONUS
COMIC

...VOLUME
1 OF
"SANKAREA."

THANK YOU
VERY MUCH
FOR PUR-
CHASING...

AUTHOR REPRESENTATIVE -
FURUYA MERO

TW-TWANG TWANG TWANG TWANG TWANG

... AND
CHASING DOWN
THE MAN
WHO KILLED
HER EVEN AS
HER BODY
CONTINUED TO
FALL APART
MORE AND
MORE.

SCRAPE

THE STORY WAS
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT,
AND INVOLVED
A GIRL WHO
WAS KILLED BY
A MURDERER
COMING BACK
AS A ZOMBIE...

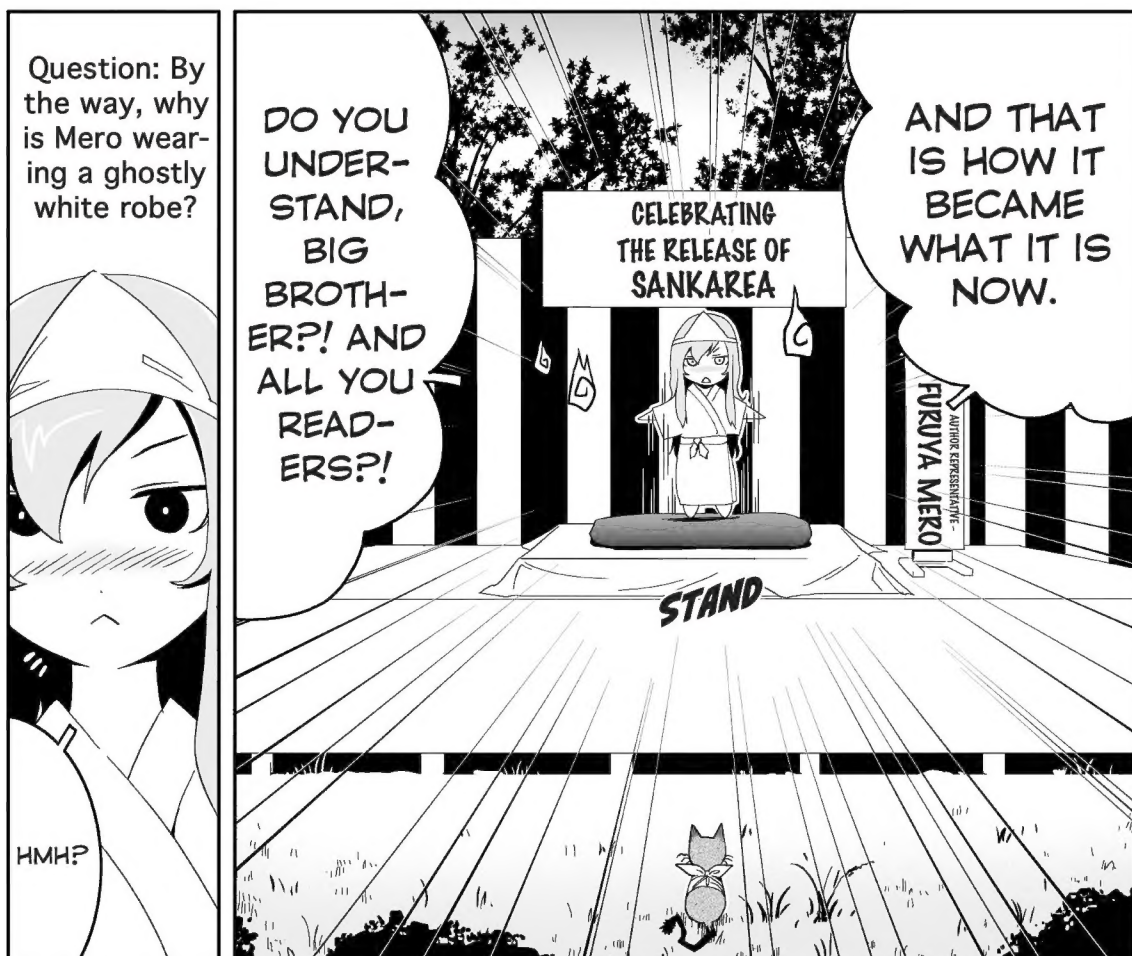
EEEEH!

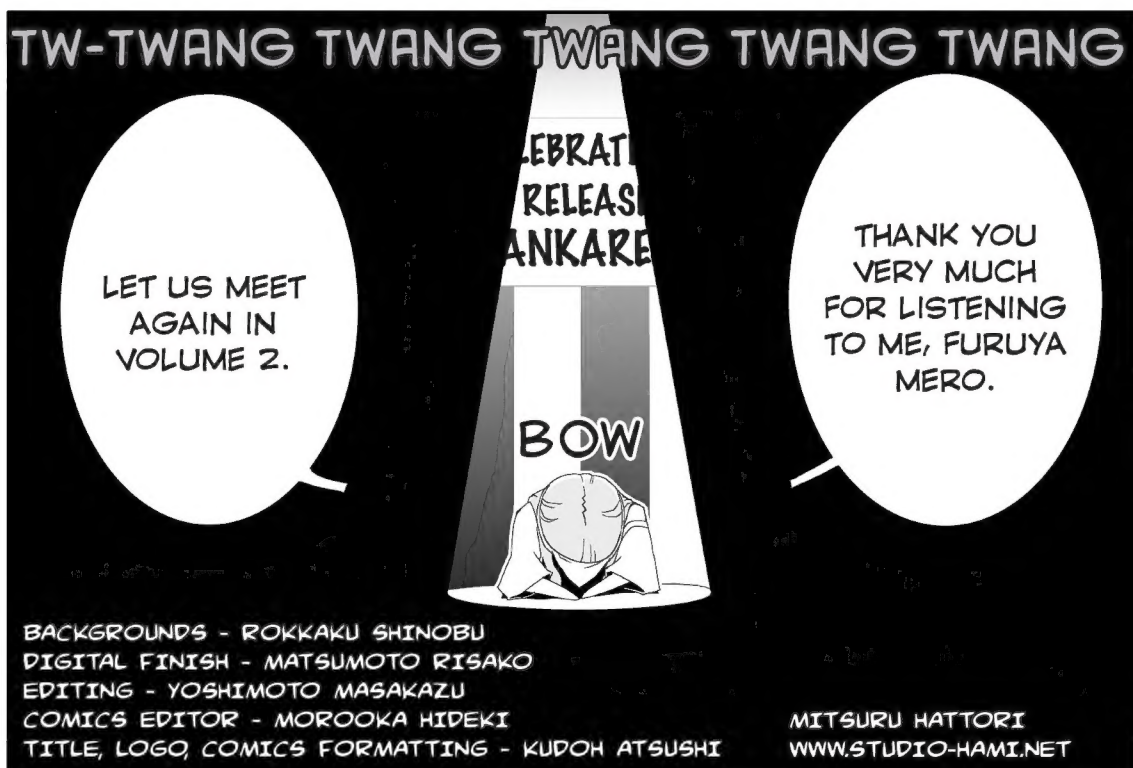
SCRAPE

IN ACTUALITY, I
HAD INTENDED
TO MAKE THIS A
ONE-OFF COMIC
FOR BESSATSU
SHOUNEN
MAGAZINE AT
FIRST.

SCRAPE

I THOUGHT I
COULD MAKE THE
DRAWINGS MORE
FAIRYTALE-LIKE, OR
SOMETHING.





TRANSLATION NOTES

HONORIFICS: THIS SERIES RETAINS THE JAPANESE HONORIFICS. HERE'S A GUIDE:

-**SAN:** POLITE, EQUIVALENT TO "MR." OR "MS."

-**SAMA:** A TERM OF GREAT RESPECT.

-**KUN:** USED FOR BOYS OR PEOPLE IN A LOWER POSITION.

-**CHAN:** A SOMETIMES CUTESY TERM OF ENDEARMENT FOR GIRLS.

-**TAN:** AN EXTREMELY CUTESY, EVEN CHILDISH TERM OF ENDEARMENT FOR GIRLS.

PAGE 20: BUB

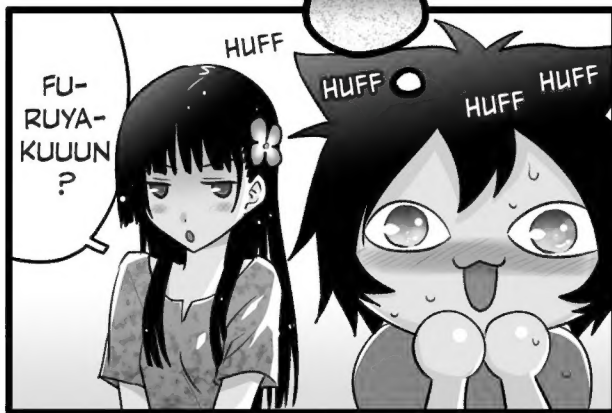
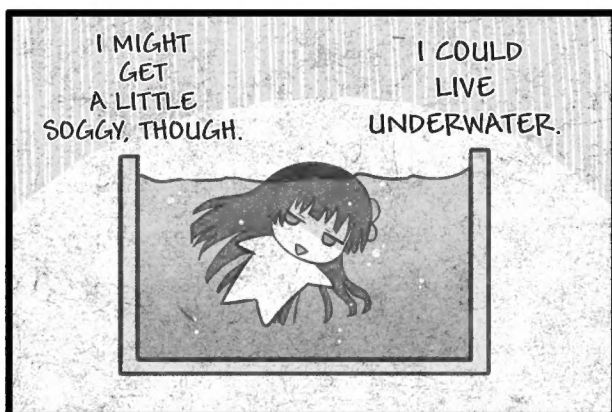
HATTORI-SENSEI HAS CONFIRMED THAT FURUYA'S BELOVED CAT IS NAMED AFTER BUB, THE "DOMESTICATED" ZOMBIE FROM GEORGE A. ROMERO'S "DAY OF THE DEAD."

PAGE 65: "GIFT OF FUJI"

IN THE ORIGINAL JAPANESE, THIS IS A PUN. THE RECIPE REFERS TO A "MOUNTAIN OF UNDEATH," AND THE CHARACTERS FOR "UNDEATH" ARE PRONOUNCED "FUJI."



ZOMBIE GIRL



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